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CATCHING SOME ICE TIME



Photo by Dan Sanderson

Ross Crawford, 17, a junior at Grayling High School, spent the day Sunday ice fishing on Lake Margrethe after lugging his equipment across the ice.

Grayling residents give hope to hurricane victims

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

Whether in Grayling or their winter home in Florida, Marilyn and Charlie Fick are among an army of volunteers working to help the victims impacted by Hurricane Katrina and Hurricane Rita.

The Ficks, who winter in Largo, Fla., have taken part in several recovery projects through the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) in Mississippi.

UMCOR responds to natural or civil disasters that are interruptions of such a magnitude that they overwhelm a community's ability to recover on its own.

The Ficks have been on work projects where they stay at churches or in tents and help to clean up debris from damaged houses and helps with building new housing for hurricane victims.

"There's so much work to do, it's going to take 10 years just to make a dent in it," said Charlie, who attends Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church.

Fick's involvement with work projects is through the Aldersgate United Methodist Church in Largo.

Jim and Donna Carmean of Grayling, who also attend the Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church, also recently went on trip to Mississippi.

Donna Carmean said it is staggering to see the devastation caused by the hurricanes.

"It looks just like a bomb went off - there's stuff everywhere," she said.

Although UMCOR is based out of the Methodist Church, Donna Carmean said volunteers from other church denominations are among the brigade of people from across the country who come to help hurricane victims.

"They're easily identifiable because they are all covered with drywall dust and paint," she said.

Jim Carmean, a retired roofing contractor, helped supervise roofing jobs and did drywall work.

"When you leave down there and a full grown man hugs you and cries, you know you've done some good," Jim said.

In October, Fick, the owner of Fick and Sons, Inc., donated fuel and a truck and trailer used to carry 9,700 relief kits, which are made up of health and beauty

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Candidates file for school board seats

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

Two incumbent members on the Crawford AuSable School District's Board of Education are being challenged for their seats on the board.

Four candidates are running for two four-year seats on the school board.

The candidates who filed their nominating petition by the Feb. 7 deadline are:

- Sandra L. Enos, 50, a home based teacher for the Grayling Headstart program.

- Judith R. Gorski, 59, a retired Grayling High School principal.

- John Pilon, 54, a Department of Natural Resources forester, who is the current school board president and has been on the school board for eight years.

- Carol E. Ramaswamy, 50, a nurse who works in the surgical unit at Mercy Hospital Grayling, who is the current school board treasurer who has served on the board for 12 years.

The school board election will be held on Tuesday, May 2. This is the second year that school elections, which were in June, have been slated earlier in the year under state election law reforms aimed at boosting voter turnout.

Military museum seeks site in town

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

Grayling City and Township officials have given their preliminary approval to a group seeking to establish a military museum in the community.

The Grayling City Council on Monday agreed to enter into negotiations with the Michigan Museum of Military Transport Foundation and Grayling Township for the possible lease of the former fire station.

The fire station is jointly owned by the township and city and was vacated when the new fire department was opened last year.

The Michigan Museum of Military Transport Foundation, which was founded in 1995, is seeking to lease the former fire station to start a museum where military vehicles and memorabilia would be displayed.

Brian Morrison, a Boyne City resident and president of the board of trustees for the foundation, believes that the prospect is ideal for the military museum since the fire station is located near the American Legion. The foundation includes between 100 to 150 members.

Several members are involved with the Great Lakes Military

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Brian Morrison, a Boyne City resident and president of the Michigan Museum of Military Transport Foundation, talks about the group's plans with the Grayling City Council.

Tires at salvage yards to be removed with DEQ funds

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

Thousands of scrap tires will be rolling out of Crawford County this year.

Grayling and Beaver Creek Townships received a \$18,750 Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) grant to help fund the Grayling area's ongoing scrap tire removal initiative.

Beaver Creek Township Supervisor Lee Riley and Grayling Township Supervisor Terry Wright coordinated the Crawford County Scrap Tire Cleanup project two years ago. The annual program, which will be held on Saturday, June 17, allows business owners and citizens to get rid of scrap tires they have in storage or on their property.

Scrap tires serve as a breeding ground for disease carrying mosquitoes, create a fire hazard, can contaminate the soil and groundwater when they break down and are just plain unsightly, Wright said.

For the last two years, hundreds of tires have been removed from Weaver's Repair and Recycling Yard, a salvage yard located off of County Road

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St. Mary's project nears completion



A crew from Caliber Construction of Roscommon set a new cross on top of the bell tower at the St. Mary's Church on Saturday, Feb. 4. The brass-colored fiberglass cross replaces a wooden cross that had deteriorated. The \$2 million addition and renovation project for the St. Mary's Church will be completed by the end of the month, said Rich Wagner, project manager for Integrity Construction of Gaylord, the construction management firm hired to oversee the church project.

Grayling residents give hope to hurricane victims

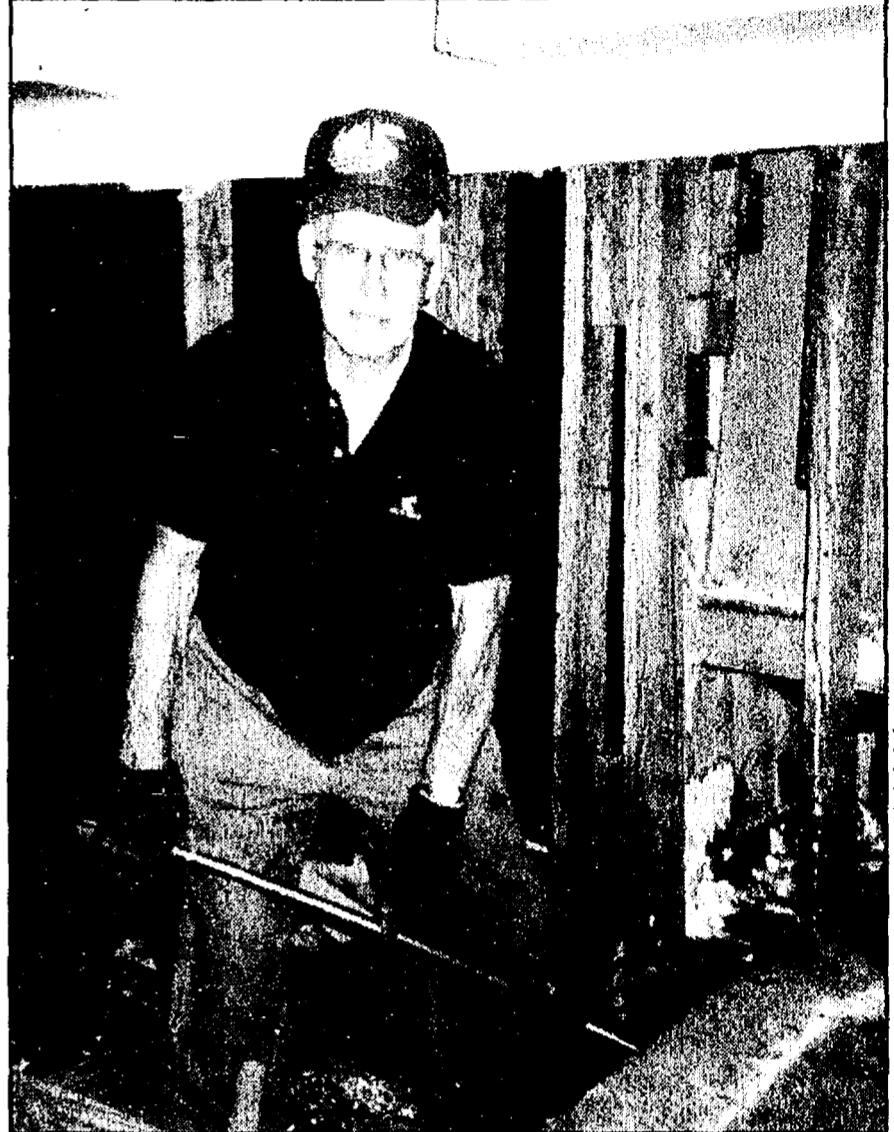
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supplies gathered at United Methodist Churches in Northern Michigan, that were sent to the hurricane victims.

"It's just my nature. I like to help people," Fick said.

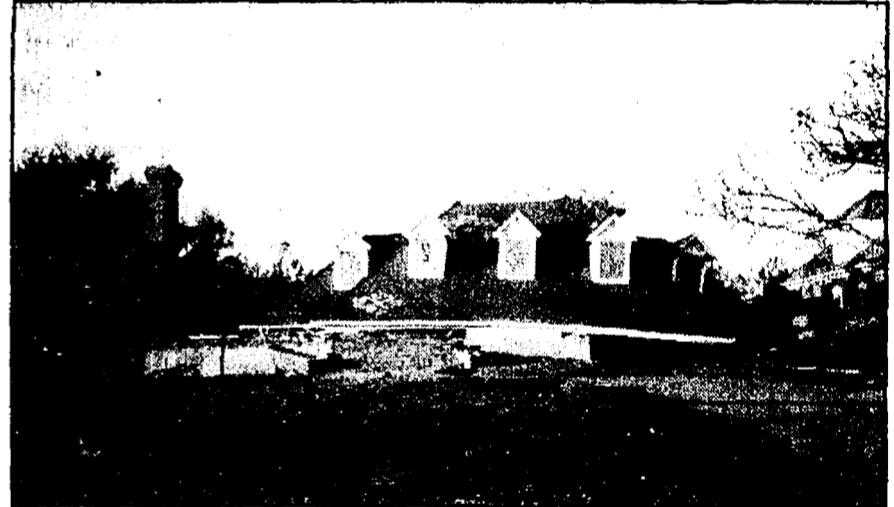
As of December UMCOR has received more than \$24 million in donations for hurricane relief, which has allowed the organization to support recovery in 13

states that have either been directly affected by this year's hurricanes or are hosting hurricane evacuees.

UMCOR specializes in long term relief and recovery work. In the case of Hurricane Katrina, UMCOR estimates that long term will translate to upwards of six years, particularly in hard-hit areas of Louisiana and Mississippi.



Charlie Fick, who winters in Largo, Fla. has taken part in several recovery projects through the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) in Mississippi. Fick is pictured above, cleaning up debris in a damaged home. Below, is a home that was toppled by the floods caused by Hurricane Katrina.



Tires at salvage yards to be removed with DEQ funds

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612 in Maple Forest Township. Tires have also been removed from Wakeley's Auto Parts, a salvage yard located on Shadow Lane in Grayling Township.

The state grant will help pay to remove an estimated 17,000 tires from the two salvage yards.

"The scrap tire program made

a dent in the tires that we have in the county, and now the state grant will help do the rest of the job," Wright said.

The tires will be removed and taken to a plant in White Pigeon, where they will be shredded to be used as fuel for electrical generation plants.

About 12,000 tires have been removed from Crawford County in the last two years. Weyerhaeuser donated \$3,000 in grants for the project and employees also volunteered for the scrap tire collection. AJD Forest Products lent a semi-tractor trailer and equipment for the project, and Waste Management donated roll-off dumpsters which were used to collect tires in outlying areas of the county. The Crawford County Commissioners contributed environmental grant funds to the project, which is also supported by the City of Grayling and five townships in Crawford County.

Riley said he was inspired to start the scrap tire program when a resident who had purchased land in Beaver Township discovered there was hundreds of scrap tires on his property, which had been covered by snow when they purchased the land.

"There are a lot of people and a lot of resources that come together to make the scrap tire program happen," Riley said.

The DEQ funds will help clean up more than 3.8 million scrap tires from sites across the state. The grant stipulates that the tires must be removed and processed by Aug. 31, 2006.

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Community Awards Night



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The Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce held the 2005 Community Awards Night at the business after hours hosted at the Holiday Inn Grayling last Thursday. Above left, Ann Stephenson, the owner of Riverland, received the 2005 Athena Award. Above right, Brad Scheer, the owner of Scheer Motors and the sponsor for the Athena Award, received the Citizen of the Year Award. Below, left, Tim Zigila, president of the Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce, presents the Silver Lining Award to Carol and Dan Carney, the owners of the Moose Pub, for building renovations made at the restaurant. Below right, Mark Rais, a member of the Grayling Ambassadors Club, presents the Ambassador of the Year Award to Kim Millikin.

Former vet pleads to attempted larceny

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

A former Grayling veterinarian who took pain drugs used to treat sick animals entered into a plea bargain agreement last week.

Brian James Dawson II pleaded guilty to attempted larceny in a building, a two-year felony charge, in Crawford County Circuit Court on Friday. Dawson pleaded to the charge in exchange for two counts of larceny in a building, charges which carry a penalty of four years in prison and a \$5,000 fine, would be dropped by Crawford County Prosecutor John Huss.

Detectives from the Strike Investigative Narcotics Group (STING) arrested Dawson, who had been working at the Grayling Hospital for Animals, on Oct. 21.

Detectives began investigating Dawson after Dr. Paul Mesack, the owner of the Grayling Hospital for Animals, became suspicious that controlled substances used to treat animals undergoing surgery were being

tampered with.

According to Michigan Department of Community Health's Bureau of Health Professions Board of Veterinary Medicine Disciplinary records, Mesack began noticing large amounts of controlled substances missing in August. Mesack was ordering medication more frequently. He also noticed that animals were not responding to pre-operative medications as they should. Dawson began working at the clinic in August.

Dawson is accused of using Buprenex — a narcotic analgesic used on cats in small amounts, which is a controlled substance. Police recorded Dawson removing the drug from vials at the clinic using a surveillance video.

Dawson told 46th Trial Circuit Court Judge Dennis Murphy that he has been taking the drug for his own use during this plea hearing.

Employees at the clinic also observed that Dawson would close the door to the room where narcotics were stored at the clinic, when other veterinarians

would normally prop the door of the room open with their foot while obtaining the medications. Employees also said they noticed Dawson placing a number of syringes in his pockets, which was not a common practice, and he exhibited abnormal behavior.

Finally, veterinary technicians are trained to take animals outside after receiving preoperative medications to see how they respond. Dawson sent technicians back into clinic, which prevented them from being able to report the effects of the preoperative medications upon the animals.

The Department of Community Health issued an order suspending Dawson's license to practice medicine in the State of Michigan on Dec. 5. Officials, however, set the order aside on Dec. 19 after learning that Dawson had entered into a monitoring agreement with the Health Professional Recovery Program.

Dawson is scheduled to be sentenced on Thursday, March 9.

Military museum seeks site in town

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Vehicles Preservation Association and the worldwide Military Vehicles Preservation Association, which has 10,000 members.

Morrison said that the organization has always eyed Grayling as a site for the museum due to its ties to Camp Grayling and the community's central location in the state.

"We want to be able to tie into Grayling's rich history with the military and hope to attract people to the community as they head to other vacation lands in the north," Morrison said.

City Council members gave their approval to negotiate a lease

pending a legal opinion from City Attorney Dave Sabin.

"We ought to know that before we go too far into this," City Council member Tom Wellman said.

Sabin said that government property must be used to serve a public purpose under state law and he had to study if the museum concept would apply.

"There are some exceptions, but it's a pretty hard and fast rule," Sabin said.

Grayling Township Supervisor Terry Wright said the township board was favorable of the lease, but hopes that a compromise could be made that would get the fire station back on the tax rolls.

"If we can help the Military Museum by locating them in the fire barn we certainly want to do that, but the Grayling Township Board hopes we can come up with some sort of agreement so they can own the building and it can go back on the tax rolls," Wright said.

Morrison said the foundation hopes to gain a favorable lease since it will be seeking grant funds and doing fund-raising in order to start the museum.

Eventually, the organization would like to obtain a 10-acre site where it could have both indoor and outdoor displays and a gift shop, which would be run by volunteers.

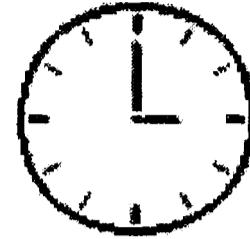
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OPINIONS



ALMANACK

by Richard L. Milliman

Memories of Super Bowl and music

SUPER BOWL XL has come and gone, but the memories linger on.

First, in the interests of media disclosure, readers should know that all I know about what went on in Detroit the last couple of weeks and at the Super Bowl is what I read in the newspapers or saw on television. I did not go anywhere near Detroit during that time period.

From all appearances, Detroit did a bang-up job in getting ready for the Super Bowl and all its crowds and exaggerated hype, and carrying off the whole thing.

Friendly people, great musical shows, fine dining, traffic that moved readily, reasonable and convenient parking, entertainment opportunities galore, safe streets this is the picture represented by the media, and it's probably true.

The game itself seemed a bit dull, but the adopted hometown

Pittsburgh Steelers won, so all is right with the world at least, it's okay east of the Rocky Mountains.

Only two people were murdered around Super Bowl time or at least only two murders received any newspaper attention. I don't have any statistics, but I would guess that's a bit below the daily average in Detroit.

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THE CHALLENGE for Detroit, of course, is to continue this artificial Super Bowl high, and even build on it.

Much of the change in Detroit for the Super Bowl period was superficial, of course.

The homeless are still homeless. The boarded up buildings are still boarded up, and the empty ones are still empty. The city's budget is still out of balance.

Super Bowl XL is not an

answer for Detroit and its myriad of problems.

But the spirit of cooperation and civic pride exhibited in Michigan's metropolis for the transitory glory of this Super Bowl is heartening, and hopefully will be a harbinger of better times ahead.

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NATIONAL ANTHEM -- As noted earlier, I attended the Super Bowl only as one of about 90 million Americans (according to one estimate) who watched on television. A hometown Detroit legend, Aretha Franklin, sparked one of my pet personal peeves.

In my opinion, she murdered the national anthem.

Aretha Franklin has a wonderful voice and a terrific stage presence. She's a joy to hear ... but not the way she sang the national anthem.

I don't think they should. I think it should be presented as written and originally intended.

* * *

JOSE FELICIANO -- Several years ago, in one of the Detroit

Tigers' championship years, Ernie Harwell -- Tiger broadcaster and himself a song writer -- presented a young singer named Jose Feliciano to sing the national anthem at a world series game in Detroit.

The young Feliciano offered an off beat rendition with his own personal touches, ranging all over the lot much as Ms. Franklin did at Ford Field. A storm of public protest broke out, and Mr. Feliciano generally was roundly criticized for desecrating a national treasure.

America apparently has changed since the days of Jose Feliciano, and most folks probably embrace Aretha Franklin's powerful Super Bowl rendition.

I'm still a holdout for tradition, but at least Ms. Franklin's treatment was much, much better than the opening sentences as presented by Aaron Neville. That was truly awful.

As for the half time show provided by the Rolling Stones:

To me, the Stones, who have been performing since 1962, are retirement age has-beens, long past their prime, but still strutting around the stage trying to pass themselves off as sex symbols. They should have been home in bed ... alone.

In person, we were told, they sounded better than they did on TV. I couldn't understand a thing they were singing, which is probably just as well considering my age and my tolerance level. One is high and getting higher, and the other is low and getting lower.

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Richard Milliman is a veteran newspaperman, and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.

EDITOR

VIEWPOINT

by Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield

Efforts to beat consumer fraud

Sheriff Wakefield of Crawford County is supportive of efforts by the Attorney General's office to beat consumer fraud. The Attorney General has recently released "Ten Tips for Beating Consumer Fraud in Michigan," an educational brochure that provides answers to questions from the consumer protection hotline.

One of the Attorney General's tips for beating consumer fraud is to pay attention at the checkout. State law requires that most items on store shelves be clearly marked with a price tag.

The *Item Pricing Bill of Rights* guarantees Michigan citizens that if an automatic checkout system or scanner charges you more than the marked price of an item and 1) the transaction has

been completed and 2) you have a receipt indicating the item purchased and the price charged for it, then you must notify the seller that you were overcharged within 30 days of the transaction, either in person or in writing.

Within two days of receiving the notice, the seller may choose to refund you the difference between the amount charged and the price marked plus a bonus of ten times the difference (up to \$5).

For more information, Sheriff Wakefield directs citizens to contact the Attorney General's toll free hotline at 877-765-8388 with additional questions and to request the dollar-bill-sized *Item Pricing Bill of Rights* card.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The opinions expressed in the letters and columns on this page are solely those of the writer and do not necessarily reflect the views of *The Avalanche*.

Your views are welcome on the Opinion Page. Letters may be typed or handwritten, but please double-space or use every other line and limit to 500 words.

Every letter must be signed and an address and telephone number must be included to be

considered for publication. Letters will not be published without the author's name. Telephone numbers are not published.

All letters are subject to editing and will be printed as space allows.

Deadline for submission of letters to the editor is Friday at noon for consideration for publication in the following week's paper.

Take it or leave it

To the editor,

My letter is in response to Mr. Feldhauser's letter in last week's Avalanche. I agree completely, as a person who has been here since 1996 I have seen no growth in this community, and Grayling has given its residents an option of take it or leave it.

For a lot of items we have but one place to get them, and can never actually go shopping at just one store, you have to go to several places to get everything on your list. Which leads to higher prices due to a lack of competitors.

Employment is another issue, the average household income in Grayling is \$24,250 annually! That means roughly \$12,000 per person, in a two income household, \$24,000 alone is barely over poverty.

As for travelers heading north, try getting off at Grayling for a meal, and try getting back on I-75 north, and you get to enjoy the gauntlet maze of terrible roads through our downtown area with the run down old buildings with for rent, or

sale signs in them, until you eventually stumble into I-75 north. Sort of like an old Twilight Zone movie.

Keep bringing in all the qualified persons you want, but if you don't give them the tools or resources to improve Grayling then what good was accomplished? Do we deserve better? Do our kids deserve better? I think so.

Times have changed since the 50's and they continue to change, like it or not. Everything in life boils down to the simplest of reactions to change, and that is survival.

In closing, we have choice, the choice to go where we want, and shop where we want, if you don't like shopping here, go elsewhere, you don't like living here, move. Choice is a wonderful thing, I shop elsewhere most of the time, and moving is a likely future for me.

Like I said, choice is a wonderful thing! Oh Mr. Feldhauser, you forgot to mention bars, we certainly got our fair share of those!

Michael C. Scott
Grayling

You have a choice on where to go for personal care

To the editor,

While recently reading the February 2, 2006 issue of the Avalanche, I came across an article regarding Medicare coverage for outpatient rehabilitation services and found this to be misleading and inaccurate.

Kourtney Cingano, Director of Mercy Rehab Services, was quoted as saying "unless you go to a hospital-affiliated physical rehab department after the first \$1740 per patient, per year, the patient will be required to pay for all additional services." My wife works for an excellent outpatient therapy practice and I know that this is simply not true.

President Bush has recently signed into law a bill allowing Medicare beneficiaries to receive benefits for therapy beyond the \$1740 cap if medically necessary. Also, many secondary insurances cover therapy when Medicare denies payment. The article implies that if a patient does not go to a hospital affiliated outpatient clinic they may be at risk for charges that exceed the limit unknowingly. Again,

this is not true. Private practices cannot bill a Medicare patient for services rendered without informing the patient first and attaining their signature. There are no surprises.

What happened to patients choosing a facility for its quality care? It was irresponsible to print this article as accurate news without investigation and caused unnecessary concern for many Medicare beneficiaries in our local area. I have also learned that this was an article prepared by the hospital P.R. department and distributed to local papers as news.

I would urge any person in need of physical therapy to visit clinics in your area and speak with the therapists about your needs. Remember when a physician hands you a prescription for treatment, you in fact have a choice on where you go for your personal care. The best choice may be in your own hometown.

Doug Catell
Roscommon

Why are we paving Pere Cheney Road?

To the editor:

Why is North Down River Road not being paved in 2006 as scheduled? Why are we paving Pere Cheney Road? Pere Cheney Road gets maybe 100 cars a week and North Down River gets 100 cars per hour.

I understand a type of meeting was held, to get a few people to take on this change, and I understand almost all was not in favor of this change. They were told

after the meeting it didn't matter what they thought, Pere Cheney Road was being paved anyways. This sounds like a DNR type of meeting. I'll bet less than 10 percent of Crawford County residents even know that Pere Cheney Road exists.

What could be the reason for this change?

Gary Worden
Frederic

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News items and letters should be submitted on 8 1/2-x-11 inch paper, typed, and double-spaced.

Handwritten items must also have ample space between each line; on lined

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Classified ads by the word must be turned in by Tuesday noon and have to be paid for in advance or they will not be published.

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Full page, half page, or color display ads must be turned in by Thursday at 5 p.m.

The deadline for all display ads smaller than a half page is Friday at 5 p.m.

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BRIEFS

Consumer Fraud series to be held

The senior center at 308 Lawndale, Grayling, will be holding the fourth in an eight week series on how to protect yourself from consumer fraud. Officer Coe from the Grayling Police Department will be presenting, on Tuesday, Feb. 21, at 12:30 p.m., on the topic "Investment Fraud," with information on how investment scams happen, how to spot them, and what to do if you've been a victim of a scam. For more information call Alice Snyder at 348-7123.

Straits Area Ostomy Association

The Straits Area Ostomy Association will hold its regular meeting on Sunday, Feb. 19, at 2 p.m., at the Northern Michigan Hospital, back Doctor's dining room in Petoskey. All ostomates and interested persons are cordially invited. Please call 989-821-5721 for further information.

Relay for Life leader meeting to be held

The American Cancer Society's Relay for Life, that will be held in August, will hold a team leader meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 22 at 7 p.m., in the conference room at the Grayling City Hall. All team leaders who have already created a team as well as all future team leaders are invited to attend. Call Clairene Jorella for more information at 344-7654 or 390-2106.

TEFAP food distribution to be held

TEFAP, food distribution will be held on Feb. 21 at the American Legion from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. by the Auxiliary of the VFW Post 3736 and other volunteers. Bring your bridge card, medicaid card or proof of income. Please bring someone to help you carry your orders. The VFW is also saving Campbell Soup labels. For more information call Bonnie Poll at 348-2139.

River House to sponsor support group

River House is sponsoring a 12 week support group for female survivors of sexual violence starting on March 7, in Grayling. If you are interested, contact Maria at 989-348-3169 or 888-554-3169.

GPA presents "In Search of Shangri-La"

The Grayling Promotional Association Entertainment Series' 33rd season of Travel and Adventure will present "In Search of Shangri-La," on Feb. 16, at the Rialto Theatre. Narrated, in person, by world traveler Buddy Hatton, the show will begin at 7:30 p.m., doors open at 6:45 p.m. Tickets cost \$8 for adults and \$7 for seniors/students and are available at the Grayling Chamber of Commerce, Flowers By Josie, or at the door. For more information call the Chamber at 989-348-2921.

Youth baseball clinic to be held at GHS

The Grayling High School baseball program will conduct a hitting, fielding, and pitching clinic for boys and girls ages 9-14 at the GHS gym on Saturday, Feb. 25.

The clinic will run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Fee to participate is \$20. Lunch will be provided.

Participants should bring a glove and wear practice clothing.

Registration forms are available at Grayling High School and Grayling Middle School. You can also register at Sylvester's.

For more information, contact John Schneider at 348-4366.

Whitetails Unlimited banquet scheduled in Grayling

Whitetails Unlimited is sponsoring the Roscommon/Crawford Area Whitetails Unlimited Banquet on Friday, March 10, at the Holiday Inn of Grayling. This special event will feature a dinner, auction, door prizes, sporting equipment, limited edition wildlife and outdoor art, and WTU collectibles. Proceeds will go toward Roscommon/Crawford Hunter Safety.

The social hour begins at 5:30 p.m. with dinner at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$35 for adults, or \$25 for juniors 15 & under. There is a March 4 deadline for tickets, and tickets will not be sold at the door.

To order tickets call Luke

Department of State offices to close for Presidents Day

Secretary of State Terri Lynn Land announced that all offices, including the Office of the Great Seal, will be closed on Monday, Feb. 20 in observance of the Presidents Day holiday.

The Department of State mails notices to motorists 45 days before their driver's licenses or license plates expire to give them ample time to renew. Licenses and plates that expire on a day when state offices are closed, such as a holiday or weekend, can be renewed the following day without penalty.

Motorists renewing license plates can "skip the trip" to the branch office by renewing by mail or, if eligible, by Internet or touch-tone telephone. Easy to

follow instructions can be found with the renewal notice. License plate tabs will arrive by mail within seven business days.

Branch offices are open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Smaller offices may close for the lunch hour. On Wednesdays most offices are open 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. with those in city centers open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

PLUS offices and Super! Centers are open from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Wednesday, with SUPER! Centers also providing Saturday hours from 9 a.m. to noon.

For more information visit the Department of State Web site at www.Michigan.gov/sos.

Local missionary to speak in Grayling

Missionary Lois Hager will be the guest speaker at the 10:30 a.m. worship service at Resurrection Life Fellowship in Grayling on Sunday, Feb. 19. Hager will give a word of encouragement from the Bible and also share about her work in Japan, where she served for nearly 15 years. A luncheon and the annual church meeting will follow the service.

Hager is presently serving in Narita, Japan, about 60 miles north of Tokyo with a group called "Youth with a Mission," known as YWAM (why-wham).

Hager grew up in the Houghton Lake area, graduating from Houghton Lake High School in 1981. After earning her degree at Michigan State and working a few years around Houghton Lake, she began making preparations for the mission

For more information, assistance or directions, call Pastor Bud Mann or Associate Pastor Dick Duprey at 989-348-9382 or 989-821-6722.

Crawford County Housing Commission looking for landlords

The COOR (Crawford, Ogemaw, Oscoda, and Roscommon) Continuum of Care recently received a grant, Transitional Supportive Housing Lease Assistance Program (TSHLAP). One goal of the program is to assist homeless individuals and families with their housing needs, eventually getting them to independent living. In order for this program to succeed, we need landlords willing to participate. The grant will pay approximately 70 percent of the tenant's rent for up to 24 months. The tenant is responsible for the remainder of the rent.

The housing commissions are looking for landlords in Crawford, Ogemaw, Oscoda, and Roscommon counties willing to rent homes to their clients. The home will have to meet HUD's (Housing and Urban Development) HQS (Housing

Quality Standard) to qualify.

All interested landlords are invited to attend a presentation to learn more about the program on Thursday, Feb. 23, at 7 p.m., at the Roscommon County Commissioners Board Room. Information regarding the program, *Tenants and Landlords: A Practical Guide*, and HQS standards will be available at the meeting.

The presentation is sponsored by the housing directors in Crawford, Oscoda, and Roscommon counties. To assure that there is enough materials available, please RSVP to any one of the offices. For further information, questions, or to RSVP, you may contact Crawford County Housing Commission at 348-3513, Roscommon County Housing Commission at 275-8306, or Oscoda County Housing Commission at 826-1167.

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The Bible Speaks

Don't Be A Fool

People stand without excuse under God's wrath because they refused to know Him through His creation. They also stand condemned without excuse because they refused to know God, worship Him, and be grateful to Him. "Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful." (Rom 1:21a).

Thirdly, they stand without excuse under God's wrath because they brought about their own inward corruption. They changed their concepts within their own heads and hearts. They "...became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened." (Rom. 1:21b). They replaced God's truth with vain, wicked, idolatrous imaginations. They replaced God's light with obscured darkness within. God commands us in 2 Cor. 10:5 to be, "Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ."

Not only did they change their inward concepts within their own hearts and heads, they also changed their confession in

Romans 1:22a: "Professing themselves to be wise...." They became wise in their own conceit as stated in Pro. 26:12. "Seest thou a man wise in his own conceit? there is more hope of a fool than of him." As Jer. 8:9 warned us: "The wise men are ashamed, they are dismayed and taken; lo, they have rejected the word of the LORD; and what wisdom is in them?"

Finally, they changed not only their inward concepts, and outward confession, but also their individual character as stated in Rom. 1:22b: "...They became fools." The word fools is translated from the Greek word Moraino which means to become insipid or dull rather than bright. Moraino comes from the root word Moros from which we get our English word Moron. The term is sometimes used by referring to one as a blockhead, stupid, or absurd. When one denies God's creation of human beings in His own image, one destroys within the logical ability to reason consistently and explain systematically the revealed facts of God within our universe. This is why in Psalm 14:1 and 53:1 that such persons are called fools before God: "The fool hath said in his

heart, There is no God...."

This deliberate inner change of human concepts, confession, and character enables pagans to logically justify their presuppositional concepts of God in Romans 1:23: "23And changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and fourfooted beasts, and creeping things." If you alter God's truth, God alters your mind allowing you to become a fool.

Every human being who rejects God's self revelation through creation in Romans 1:19,20 is under God's wrath and stands without excuse for rejecting God's revealed truth of His power and Godhead. They refuse to know God's person, worship Him as God, and thank Him for His abundant blessings according to Romans 1:21. So in Romans 1:22 we observe they deliberately altered their concept, confession, and character of self into that which God calls a self-created moron or fool. Don't become a fool! Pastor "B"

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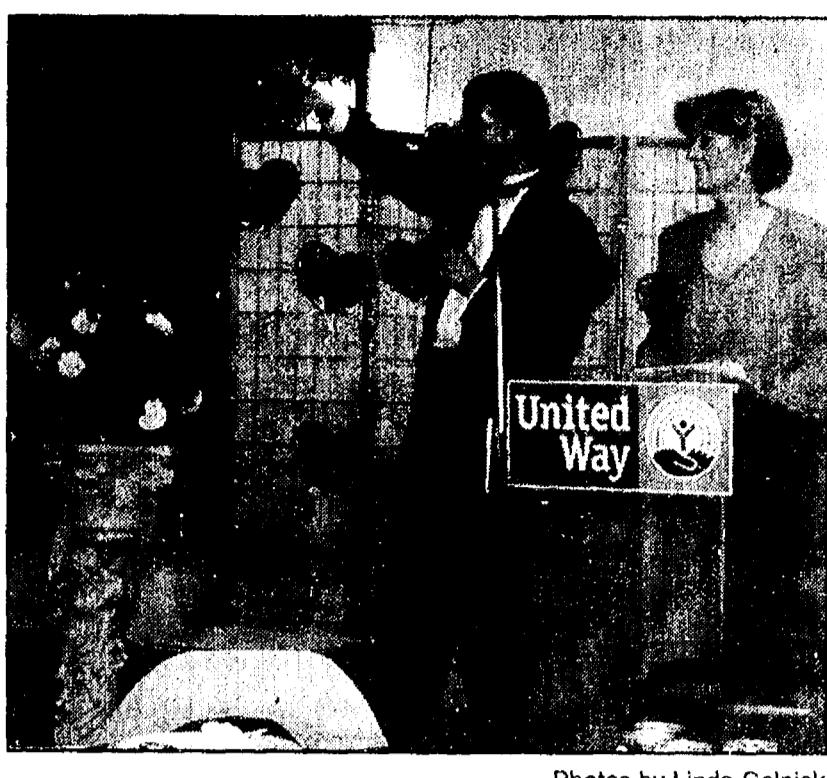
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CARE NIGHT



Photos by Linda Gohnick

A good time was had by all who attended the Crawford County United Way's annual Care Night held at the Grayling Eagles Club on Saturday. Above left, Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield, who serves on the Crawford County United Way's Board of Directors, donned a tuxedo as he sold raffle tickets at the event along with Fred Fisher, another United Way board member. Above, Stephanie Reimer-Matuzak, the CEO of Mercy Hospital Grayling, and her husband Michael Matuzak, a visiting judge, served to be the auctioneers for Care Night's live auction. Left, Amaris Blair carries a bouquet of roses that was auctioned off at Care Night. The Crawford County United Way raised about \$10,000 at Care Night, helping the organization reach the 80 percent mark towards its goal of raising \$70,000 for the 2006 fund raising campaign.



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While braces may be something no teen looks forward to, millions of smiles are enhanced by the work of braces. The job of these dental appliances is to apply pressure to teeth, which makes them stay in a certain spot, creating straighter teeth and a beautiful smile.

The American Association of Orthodontics recommends that every child get a checkup with an orthodontist by age 7. Some orthodontic problems are easier to correct if detected sooner rather than later, and early treatment can prevent more severe problems later in life. Without treatment, teeth problems can lead to tooth decay, gum disease, bone destruction, chew problems and digestive difficulties. A bad bite can contribute to speech impediments, tooth loss, chipped teeth and other dental injuries.

The length of time for a teenager to wear braces varies, but most teens wear them for two years. The time frame depends on the health of the teeth, gums and bones, the severity of the problem, and how closely the patient follows instructions (such as wearing a headgear or a retainer).

Today's braces are different from those of yesteryear. Brackets, the part of the braces that holds the wire, come in traditional metal as well as clear or tooth color. Sometimes, brackets can even be put on the back of the teeth to completely minimize the appearance of braces. Wires are smaller and more advanced than in the past, straightening teeth even faster.

Because they have a mouth full of wires, braces wearers need to be on top of their dental health. It's important to brush after meals, remove anything lodged in braces and avoid foods that can get stuck in braces like popcorn, gum and hard candy.

True, it's hard to get excited about having wire, rubber bands and other gadgets in your mouth. Braces are definitely not as fun as the prom. But you'll know they were worth any amount of pain they might have caused when you see the end result -- a beautiful smile. And that's something that will stick with you longer than that dried-up corsage.

City applies for industrial park expansion funds

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

Grayling City officials are leveraging jobs being added in the community to help pay for infrastructure improvements.

The city is applying for a \$799,855 Community Development Block grant through the Michigan Economic Development Corporation to help pay for water and sewer extensions and road improvements in the Grayling Industrial Park. The city is providing a \$88,932 match for the grant.

The grant application is in connection with 50 jobs being added at Springs Wood Products.

Spring Wood Products currently has a workforce of 100 employees.

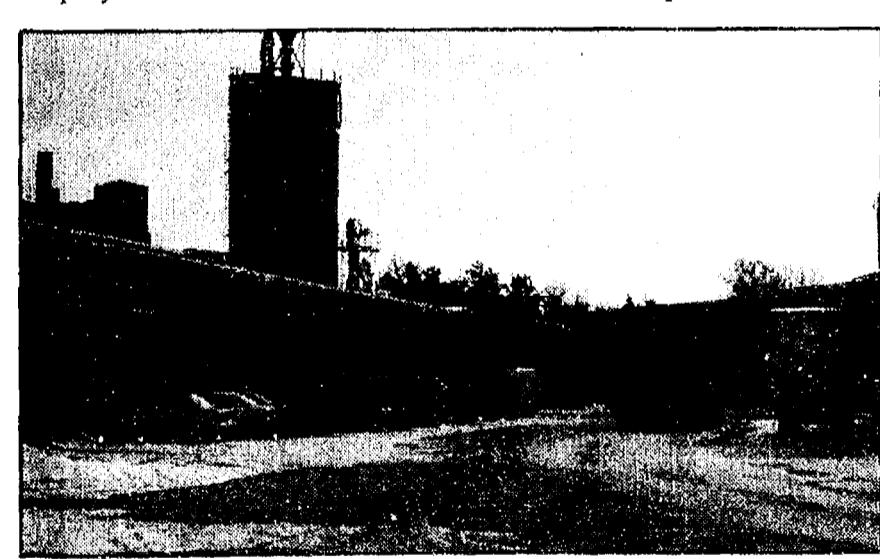


Photo by Dan Sanderson
Springs Wood Products is planning to invest \$500,000 for a building addition, and \$1.5 million to purchase four new kilns.

Man dies when sled collides with tree

A 56-year-old Montrose man was killed Monday when the snowmobile he was riding struck a tree.

Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield said that deputies responded to a snowmobile accident that occurred at 8:33 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 13 on Newman Road north of Twin Peaks Road in Frederic Township.

Upon arrival, deputies found that a snowmobile had hit a tree and the driver, Daniel Ray Thorell was deceased.

Investigation revealed that Thorell was riding with two friends, when he fell behind and hit a tree. The friends noticed that Thorell's headlights were not behind them and returned to find the accident scene. CPR was initiated, but Thorell was pronounced deceased at the scene. The investigation into the accident is ongoing.

Deputies were assisted by the Frederic Township Fire Department, Frederic Township EMS, the Crawford County Medical Examiners Office and the Otsego County Sheriff's Department.



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GHS Band students receive 1st and 2nd division ratings in band festival

Several students of the Grayling High School Band participated at the Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association (MSBOA) District 2 Solo and Ensemble Festival, Saturday, Feb. 11, at Harbor Springs High School.

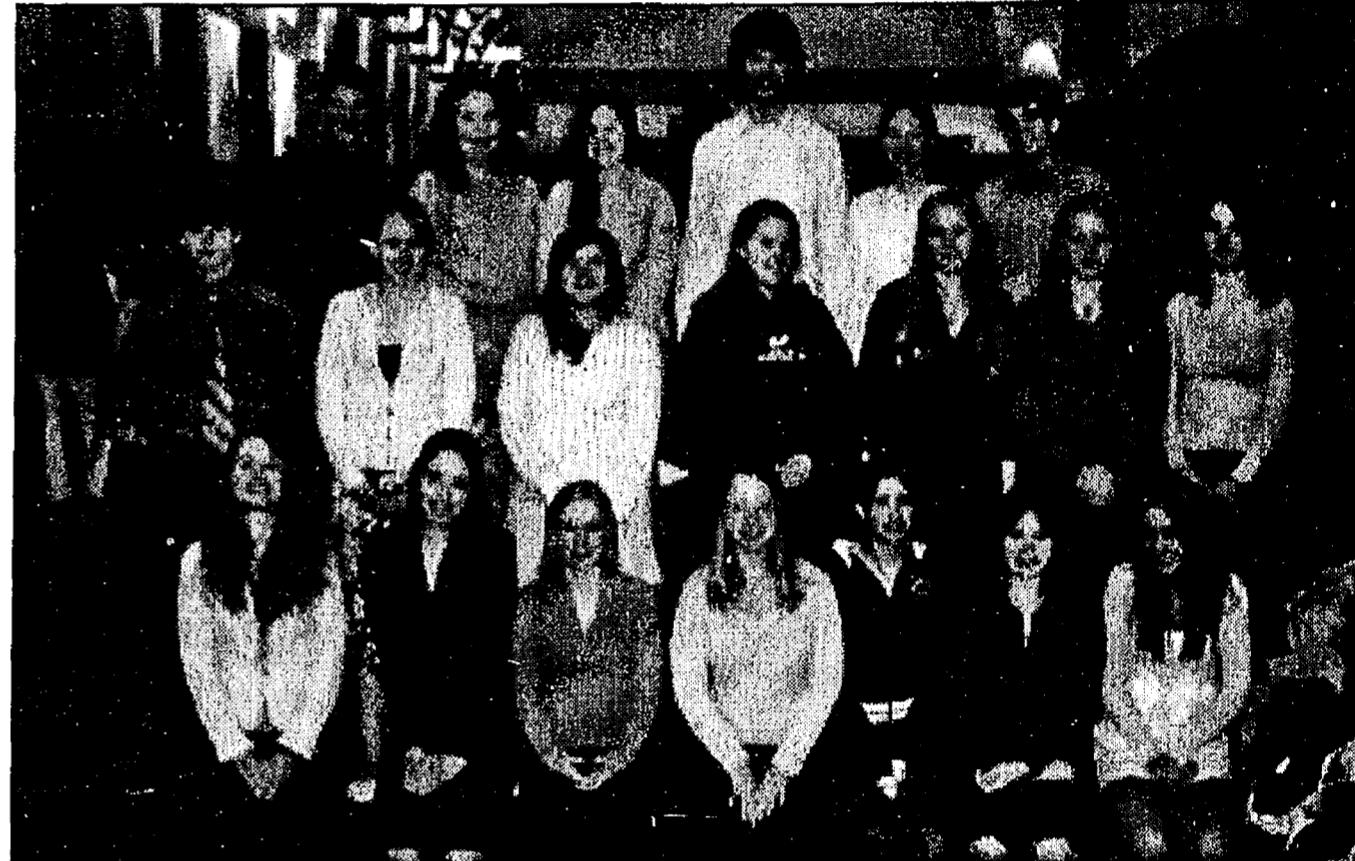
Events are evaluated by an adjudicator and graded on the following concepts: tone (the sound quality produced by the instrument), intonation (how well the sounds of the instrument match pitch levels), rhythm (how accurate rhythmic figures are performed), technique (playing the correct notes and how each note is articulated), interpretation (how the style of music is interpreted, volume levels, tempo).

A first-division rating represents an excellent level of per-

formance and musicianship for the event being judged at that specific time. Of the five categories listed above, three concepts must have an "A" rating. Students earning this rating also are eligible to participate at the State MSBOA Solo and Ensemble Festival, Saturday, March 25, at Central Michigan University. These students are: Summer E. Coe, Andy Curriston, Elizabeth Dandy (French Horn Trio); Austin B. Andrus, Fawn A. Filley (Marimba Duet); Amanda VanNuck (Flute Solo); Brianna Farrell (Oboe Solo); Julie Teal (Flute Solo); Christopher Wells (Trombone Solo); Leigha Stevens (Baritone Solo); Kilah Vanderstelt (Trumpet Solo).

Second-division ratings represent a good performance, but not worthy of the highest rating because of minor defects in performance or ineffective interpretation. Shows much accomplishment and promise on their prepared work. Students earning a second-division rating include the following: Amanda Van Nuck, Brianna Farrell (Flute/Oboe Duet); Andria Howe, Lacey Hollingsworth (Flute/Clarinet Duet); Sondra Fleeman, Marie Miller (Clarinet Duet); Katelynn Cordero (Alto Saxophone Solo); Lacey Hollingsworth (Clarinet Solo); John Ventline (Alto Saxophone Solo); Stephani Howe (Clarinet Solo); Austin Andrus (Marimba Solo).

GHS band directors are Matthew Bishop and Matthew Reed. The piano accompanist for the high school band is June Karjalainen of Roscommon.



Students of GHS Solo and Ensemble events are: (front row) Brianna Farrell (oboe), Julie Teal (flute), Lacey Hollingsworth (clarinet), Stephani Howe (clarinet), Katelynn Cordero (alto saxophone), Kilah Vanderstelt (trumpet), Fawn Filley (marimba); (middle row) Austin Andrus (marimba), Andria Howe (flute), Aerial Lynch (oboe), Summer Coe (french horn), Sarah Miller (flute), Marie Miller (clarinet), Sondra Fleeman (clarinet); (back row) John Ventline (alto saxophone), Amanda VanNuck (flute), Elizabeth Dandy (french horn), Andrew Curriston (french horn), Leigha Stevens (baritone), and Christopher Wells (trombone).

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Siena Heights University recently announced Stephen L. Eddy, of Grayling, to its dean's and academic achievement lists for the fall semester.

To make the lists, students must achieve a minimum 3.5 grade-point average out of a possible 4.0. The dean's list is for

full-time students with at least 12 credit hours, and the academic achievement list is for part-time student with at least six and no more than 11 credit hours.

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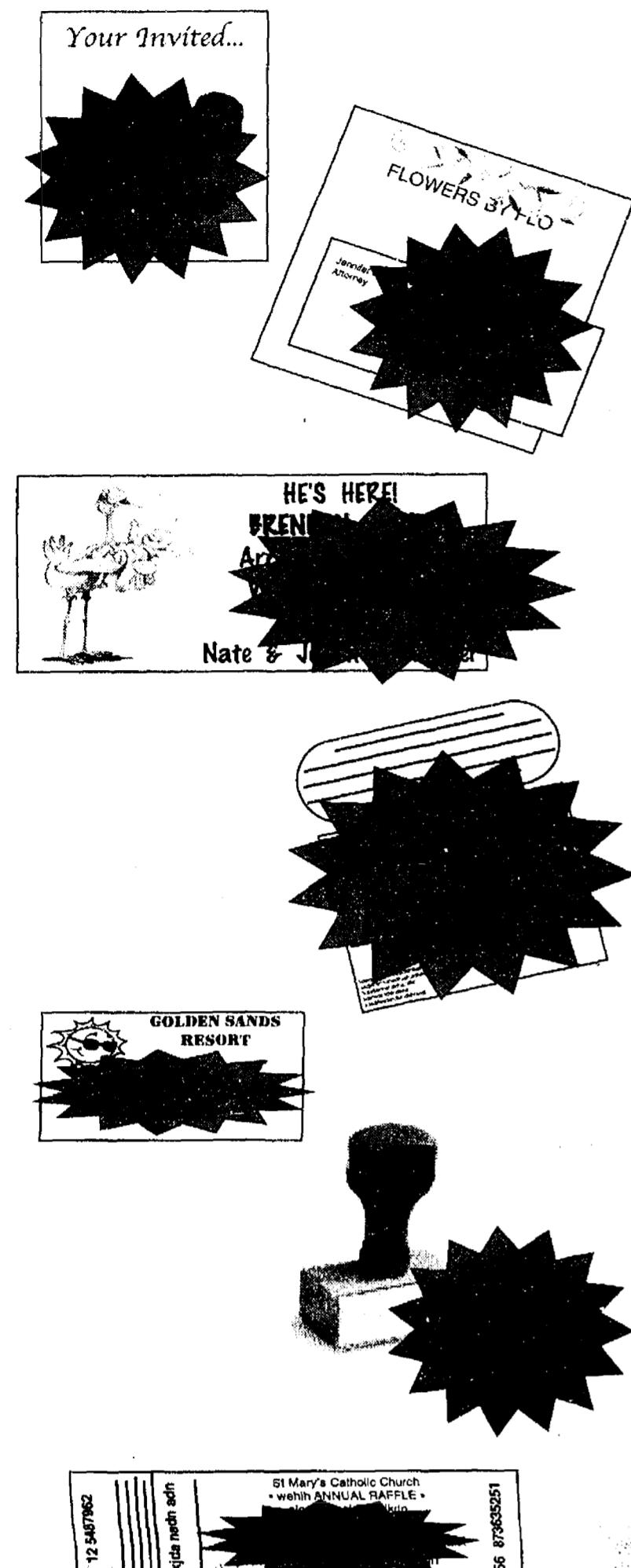
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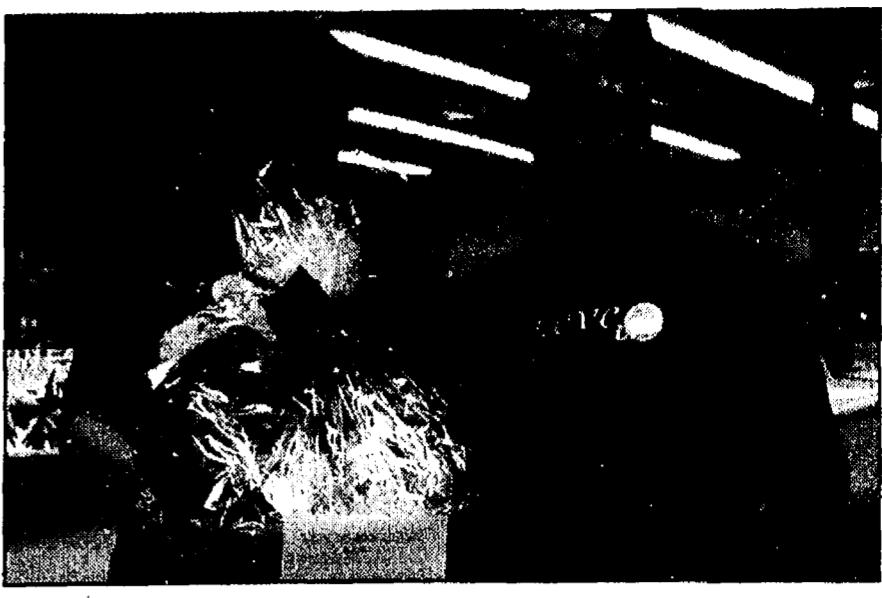
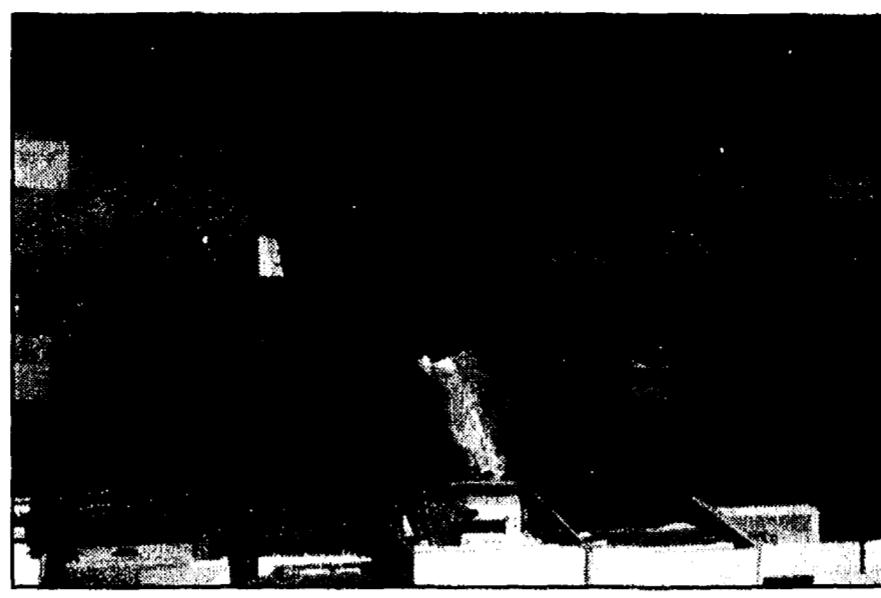
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CURING THE CABIN FEVER



The Friends of the Crawford County Libraries held a Cabin Fever Used Book Sale at the Devereaux Memorial Library last weekend in effort to get people out of their homes by selling books to raise funds to support library programs. Above left, Jon Schultz browses through the selection of books. Above right, Dale Clyma, president for the Friends of the Crawford County Libraries, presents a book lovers basket to Krys Lobsinger, who won the prize through a raffle held in conjunction with the book sale.

Snowmobile tour postponed until 2007

A legislative snowmobile tour scheduled to begin in early January has been postponed until next winter due to the demands of legislative session and an uncertain weather outlook for the remainder of the season.

State Senators Jason Allen and Tony Stamas were planning to head out on the third "Snowmobile the North" tour in early January, but unfortunately, unseasonably warm temperatures combined with substantial rainfall melted a great deal of snow, creating impassable snowmobile trails. An aggressive legislative agenda for this spring will prevent the trip from being rescheduled.

"I am sorely disappointed," said Allen, R-Traverse City. "After a great start, winter tourism has really taken a hit this

year with the rain and above normal temperatures. Though we may have had some snow recently, it is still too early to tell if it will stay on the trail which makes planning even an abbreviated weekend ride very difficult. Now with the legislative focus on job creation and the start of budget hearings, we are at a point where schedules constantly conflict, forcing us to postpone until next year."

The tour was scheduled to begin and end in Grayling and would have traveled both the Upper and Lower Peninsulas.

"The warm weather hit at an extremely unfortunate time," said Stamas, R-Midland. "Businesses all across northern Michigan rely heavily on the dollars spent by snowmobile enthusiasts. I was

really looking forward to taking this trip and highlighting just how important winter recreation is in Michigan."

Planned stops for the tour included Gaylord, Lewiston, Atlanta, Onaway, Cheboygan, Mackinaw City, St. Ignace, Cedarville, Pickford, Kinross, Sault Ste. Marie, Paradise, Alanson, and Indian River.

"I am definitely disappointed that we had to put off the trek until 2007," said Bill Manson, executive director of the Michigan Snowmobile Association.

"With Michigan's winter tourism industry taking such a large hit right now, we were really hoping to use the ride to highlight, educate and remind folks on the importance of winter tourism, the excitement of snow-

mobilizing, and to get out and enjoy it because the winter season isn't over yet."

Michigan has more than 6,000 miles of groomed trails offering exciting terrain of forest and field to both residents and visitors. With almost 400,000 registered snowmobiles, contributing more than \$1 billion to the state's economy every year, safe and responsible driving is essential for every enthusiast on a sled.

"We still want to do what we can as legislators to highlight the importance of winter tourism to Michigan," Allen said. "With the shape of Michigan's economy, we really needed a good winter tourism season. With a little luck and some assistance from Mother Nature, we may be able to salvage what is left of the season."

Kirtland student-athletes learning on and off the court

When Teresa Stuck, the new athletic director and second-year women's basketball coach at Kirtland Community College, handed out the new academic policy for the college's athletes a few months ago, she was hopeful. The guidelines she outlined were strict and there were no gray areas to be argued over: student-athletes would study and maintain their grades, period.

Now that the Firebirds basketball teams are nearing the end of their season, Stuck is no longer hopeful - she's jubilant. "The men's team had an overall 2.9 GPA for the fall semester, and the women had a 3.02," Stuck said with a big smile. GPAs - or grade-point averages - are based on a 0-4 scale, with all As equaling a 4.0.

Shekira Knowles, a freshman who came to Kirtland from

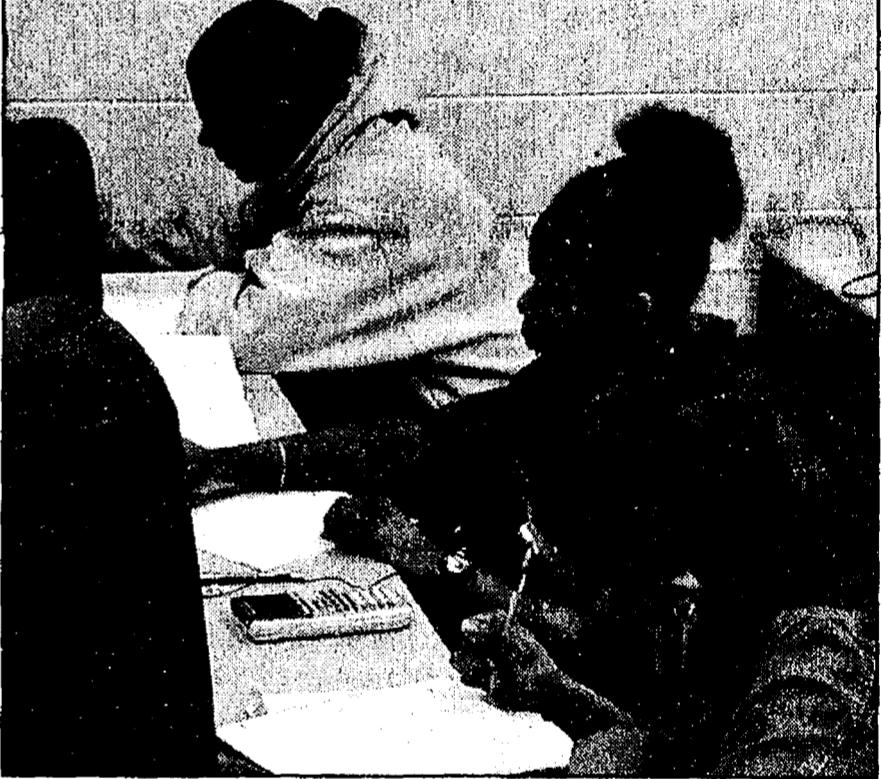
Nassau in the Bahamas, posted the only 4.0 GPA of the athletes, but others were within range.

Stuck feels her academic policy, which mandates a specific number of study hours based on the student's most recent grades, is playing a part in the success of her athletes.

"It's become a love-hate kind of thing," she said of how the players have embraced the policy. "They took to it pretty well and formed a good attitude about it, and the results were certainly good."

She said some of the athletes have stated they wished she had implemented the policy sooner, getting them to move more quickly on the road toward Academic All-American and Team-of-the-Year recognition.

About future honors - Stuck is hopeful.



Shown studying during one of their daily study sessions are student-athletes (front to back) Onica Jones, of Rochester, N.Y., Evalyn Bain of Nassau, Bahamas, and Chelsey Williams, of Houghton Lake.

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## Academic Extravaganza



Photo by Dan Sanderson

The staff and students at the AuSable Primary and Grayling Elementary schools opened their doors for their parents and the community last week for the Academic Extravaganza. A spaghetti dinner was served to families and Grayling Elementary students performed a play produced by the Acting Up Theater. Students also showed what they have been doing in class as they learn about science, social studies, math and language arts. Above, Daniel Quisler, 8, a third grader, demonstrates a compound machine that he built as it catapults a marble while his brother, Benjamin Quisler, 6, an AuSable Primary kindergartner, holds a box to catch the object.

## MILITARY NEWS

Coast Guard Seaman Craig W. Ross, son of Theresa N. and Rex M. Ross of Roscommon, recently graduated from the U.S. Coast Guard Recruit Training Center in Cape May, N.J.

During the eight-week training program, Ross completed a vigorous training curriculum consisting of academics and practical instruction on water safety and survival, military customs and courtesies, seamanship skills, first aid, fire fighting and marksmanship. A major emphasis is also placed on physical fitness, health and wellness.

Ross and other recruits also received instruction on the Coast Guard's core values

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Congratulations to Krys Lobsinger, raffle winner.

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honor, respect and devotion to duty and how to apply them in their military performance and personal conduct. Ross will join 36,000 other men and women who comprise Coast Guard's force.

Men and women train together from the first day in the Coast Guard just as they do aboard ships and shore units throughout the world. To reinforce the team concept, Ross, and other recruits were trained in preventing sexual harassment, drug and alcohol awareness, civil rights training, and the basics of the work-life balance, as well as total quality management.

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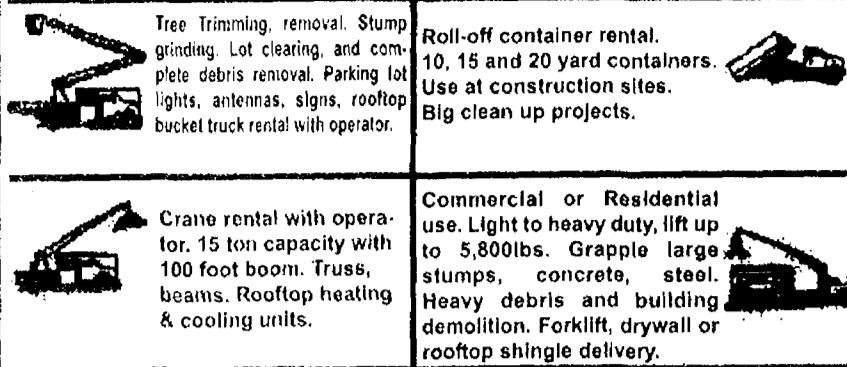
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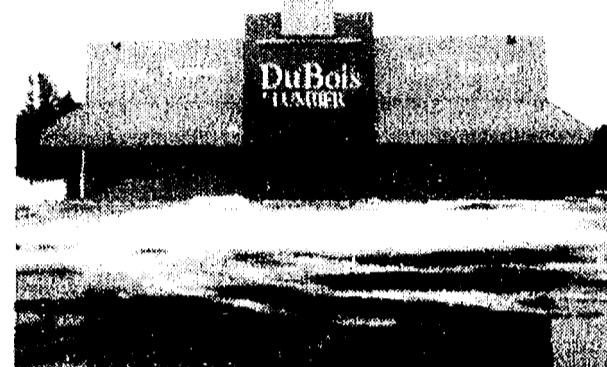
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## Birdwatchers enjoy Mercy Manor's Aviary

The long-term care facility's entrance contains beautiful enclosure

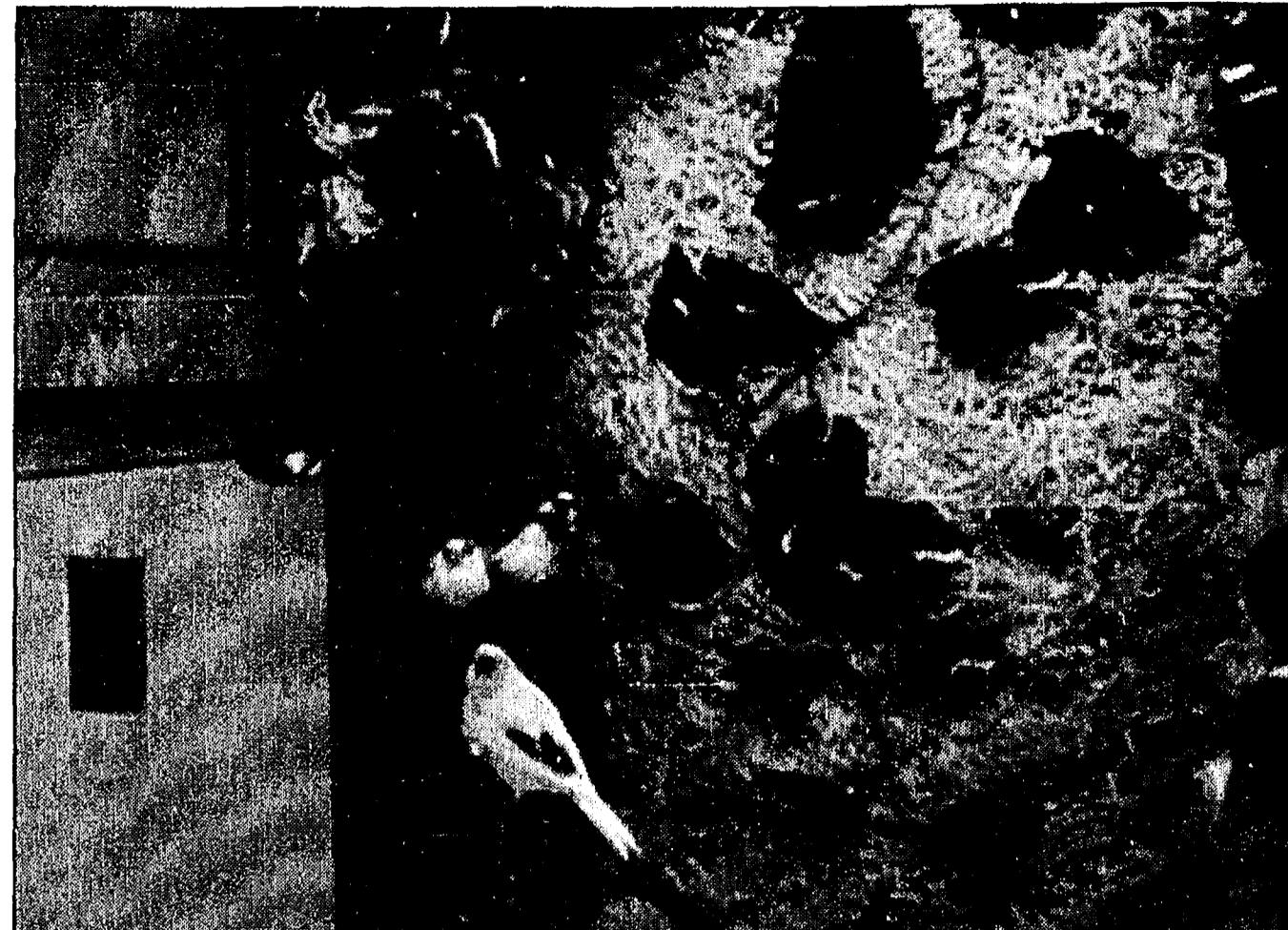
There's a song and maybe even a dance waiting at the entrance of Mercy Manor every day.

A dozen colorful songbirds greet visitors and residents in a large, glass hutch-type enclosure called an aviary at the long-term care facility at Mercy Hospital Grayling. Cheryl Kiessell, activity director, said the aviary adds life and entertainment to the facility.

"Since the aviary made its appearance, the visiting area has not been empty for long," she said. "Most of the day you will find residents, family members, and even the staff out there watching the birds."

Residents seem to most appreciate watching the birds fly around the space. "That is the reason for the aviary. To bring life back into the facility and into the lives of our residents," Kiessell said. "Watching the birds fly around, making their nests and just acting like birds in the wild has brought so much pleasure to the residents."

The facility purchased the



**Colorful songbirds add life and entertainment at the long-term care facility at Mercy Hospital Grayling.**

aviary from a South Dakota firm and presently 12 birds call it home. Canaries, Blue Cap Waxbills, Orange Cheek Waxbills, Society Finches, Zebra Finches and Diamond Doves provide the variety of color and songs. "Many of the birds will reproduce," Kiessell said. "This

will allow for the residents to watch the whole baby experience happen."

Mercy Manor Director Glenda Jacobs said she appreciates her staff's support for the fund-raising efforts that allowed the aviary to be purchased. "We also need to thank our fellow employees

throughout the Mercy system and the people of our community for participating in our fund-raisers. Without the dedication of the staff and the support in the community, we couldn't do these things," she said. "We would like everyone to stop in and see our latest addition."

## Mercy Hospice volunteer training scheduled

**mercycare.org**

Mercy Hospice's program is growing and they are in need of volunteers. Volunteers are needed to assist a growing number of

families in the Mercy Hospice service area which covers Crawford, Roscommon and parts of Gladwin, Otsego, Ogemaw, Kalkaska and Oscoda counties. Volunteers are currently needed in all counties.

Volunteers are asked to donate from two to four hours per week assisting a family with activities that could include respite, errands, light homemaking or companionship. Volunteers can also be involved in clerical work, fund-raising, public speaking, bereavement and coffee service. Volunteers are especially needed for office support, computer support and respite care for families.

Mercy Hospice provides in-home care for individuals with life threatening illnesses. Mercy Hospice is certified to provide service through Medicare, Medicaid, Blue Cross and other

insurances.

Volunteers are an important part of the hospice interdisciplinary team which includes doctors, nurses, home health aides, social workers, and spiritual care/bereavement counselors. Telephone calls are answered by a staff member available 24 hours a day who contacts the appropriate team member within 30 minutes.

"The information received in training proves beneficial to one's personal life as well as their volunteer activities," says Sherry Haag, Volunteer Coordinator for Mercy Hospice. Patrick Hanafin, a volunteer for nine years says, "I get much more from the clients than I give. They all have a story to tell, adventures to share and my job is to be there, listen and help where I can."

Mercy Hospice will be holding

Hospice Volunteer Trainings Feb. 22 - 23, from 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. at the Grayling Mercy Hospice Office, 201 Meadows Drive, Suite A (behind Huntington Bank off I-75 Business Loop), Grayling.

The training program includes such topics as communication skills, family dynamics, grief/loss support and body mechanics presented by a combination of hospice staff and guest speakers from the community.

"It takes a special person to be a Hospice volunteer," said Haag.

If you would like to register for training or for more information, please contact Sherry at 989-348-0039 or 1-800-424-1457 from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., Mon - Fri, or leave a message with the After Hours Coordinator during non-business hours.

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## BIRTHS

Valarie and Rene Mertes, of Frederic, announce the arrival of their daughter, Tori Ann, born at Mercy Hospital on January 20, 2006, at 2:20 p.m., weighing 7 lbs., 2 ozs. and measuring 18 1/2 inches in length.

Rose Marie Pelka and Christopher Michael Hughes of Grayling, announces the birth of a son, Adrian Allen, born at Mercy Hospital on January 25, 2006, at 4:37 p.m., weighing 7 lbs. 3 ozs., and measuring 19 1/2 inches in length.

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Lisa Marie and Aaron Robert Vineyard, of Grayling, announce the arrival of their daughter, Isabelle Marie, born at Mercy Hospital on January 25, 2006, at 11:53 a.m., weighing 7 lbs. 10 ozs., and measuring 19 1/2 inches in length.

Allison and Stephan Moon Jr., of Grayling, announce the arrival of their son, Tyler Jordan, born at Mercy Hospital on January 20, 2006, at 1:21 p.m., weighing 7 lbs. 14 ozs., and measuring 19 1/2 inches in length.

Leah Deardorff and Richard Uselman, of Grayling, announce the arrival of a daughter, Sierra, born at Mercy Hospital on January 20, 2006, at 5:35 a.m., weighing 7 lbs. 1 oz., and measuring 19 1/2 inches in length.

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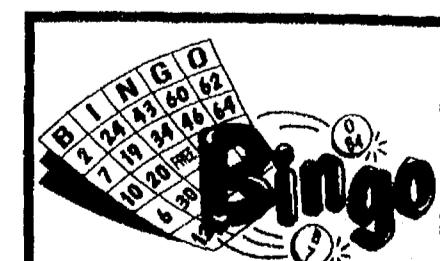
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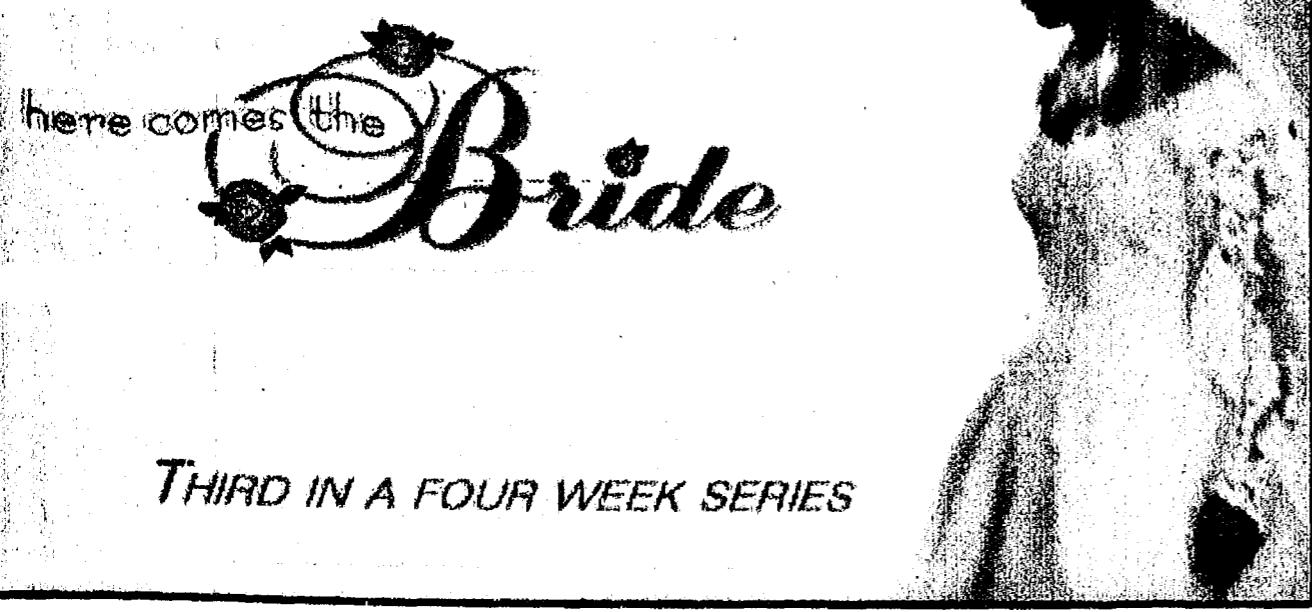
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## Wedding Etiquette for Second-Time Brides

Many couples thinking of marriage may have previously taken a trip down the aisle. Second and third weddings are more common these days than ever before. According to [gettingremarried.com](http://gettingremarried.com), nearly 50 percent of all marriages in 2003 were second weddings for at least one partner — if not both. Therefore, many wonder what is proper wedding etiquette for an encore marriage.

Actually, no rules are set in stone. It is up to the couple to plan a ceremony and reception that fits their needs and comfort levels. While some couples choose to elope or have a very intimate affair, others treat themselves to an elaborate affair, even inviting their children to participate in the ceremony.

Here are some tips to guide you if you are having difficulty deciding on the wedding that is right for you:

- When it comes to the ceremony, the choice is yours. Consider your religious affiliations, personalities, finances and family customs, and plan accordingly. Whether you choose a small service or a lavish affair, all is acceptable.

- Wardrobes can be as varied as the ceremony and party. In the past, white gowns signified purity and virginity — not anymore. If you want to wear white, go for it. However, many encore brides choose to wear colored gowns or even a pantsuit in lieu of a gown. Guys can be formal in a tuxedo or casual in a dinner jacket and slacks.

- A second-time bride may choose to be "given away" by a father, brother or friend. It is perfectly acceptable for her to walk down the aisle solo.

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Despite the cold and snow of winter, the AuSable River Canoe Marathon Committee is already preparing for the first paddlers to hit the river on Saturday, July 29.

## Marathon Committee welcomes new chairman

With several months to go until the paddlers actually hit the river, plans are already in motion for the 59th annual AuSable River Canoe Marathon.

At its December meeting, the Marathon Committee welcomed David Sabin as its new chairman. A long-time Grayling resident and Assistant Prosecuting Attorney for Crawford County, Sabin is quite familiar with the Marathon's efforts, as well as other area special events. In the early 90s, he was a founding

force behind the establishment of Grayling's Winter Wolf Challenge, a competition combining the challenges of canoeing, snowshoeing and cross-country skiing.

Sabin states that his goals for this canoe marathon are to make the Marathon and the events surrounding the Marathon run more smoothly and be broader in scope. "My family, along with many other local families, are proud to now have, and have had in the past, family members participate both as paddlers and support persons. The excitement and pride that this community has experienced in the past 58 years is something I want to help continue."

He goes on to say that "the Marathon is unique and although it may be copied, it can't be equaled. As with any organization, the committee will strive to continue with the parts of the event that are working, but retool the parts that aren't working, and even try out some new ideas."

One part of the Marathon that is already being revised is the Annual Marathon Raffle. While the top prize of \$1,000 will remain, a second and third prize are being added to provide better odds of winning. This year, the fundraising committee is seeking new avenues of ticket sales, as

well as beginning ticket sales earlier in the summer.

Another facet of the Marathon activities that will have a facelift is the Annual Paddlers Dinner, held the Thursday prior to the race. Working with Dean Smith, Manager of the Grayling Holiday Inn, and his banquet staff, a new menu is being developed for the evening. The format for the evening's event is being adjusted, along with the addition of a drawing that will be held that evening, with lucky tickets drawn choosing two people to be the official starters of the Marathon race.

The Marathon committee is currently in need of volunteers to help out in the planning and execution of this annual event. While most people only see the race for what takes place beginning at 9 p.m. on the night of the race, many are amazed at the amount of work that goes on behind the scenes leading up to and through the event. Continuing from now until the starting pistol fires, the Canoe Marathon Committee will meet the second Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Race office located in the Grayling Mall. If anyone is interested in volunteering, join the committee at the meetings, or contact Dave Sabin at (989) 348-5588.

## Taking the oath



Photo by Dan Sanderson  
Kim Millikin took the oath of office as a Grayling City Councilwoman on Tuesday from Grayling City Clerk Michele Moshier. Millikin was appointed to the city council on Monday. She replaces Joe Ferrigan, who served as the city's mayor for two years, who resigned in November in order to devote more time coaching the Grayling High School wrestling team.

## RAFFLE WINNERS

### Grayling Youth Booster Club

The 50/50 raffle winners for Feb. 12 of \$25 each: Kenny MacKinnon (2), Denis Campbell, and Frank Lavin.

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## Wrestling team wins Lake Michigan Conference title

Grayling posts 12-0 record in league play in 2005-06

### ■ Twelve Vikings place in the top three at LMC Individual Championship meet

The Grayling High School wrestling team recently clinched a league championship in the Lake Michigan Conference and had 12 of its members finish in the top three at the LMC Individual Championship meet. Four Vikings placed 1st in their weight class.

This season was the Lake Michigan Conference's first with wrestling as an official league sport. Five LMC teams – Grayling, Kalkaska, Charlevoix, Elk Rapids, and Traverse City St. Francis – competed in league play this year. Grayling won the Lake Michigan Conference title with a 12-0 league record.

On Saturday, Feb. 4, the Vikings competed in the Lake Michigan Conference Individual Championship meet at Kalkaska. Twelve of Grayling's 13 starters placed in the top three in their weight class.

Eric Goscicki (119), Cody Malone (140), Jacob Reynolds (171), and Joey Ferrigan (215) all finished in 1st place. Seven Vikings placed 2nd – Steve Grove (125), Cody Collen (130), Shane Grove (135), Jeff

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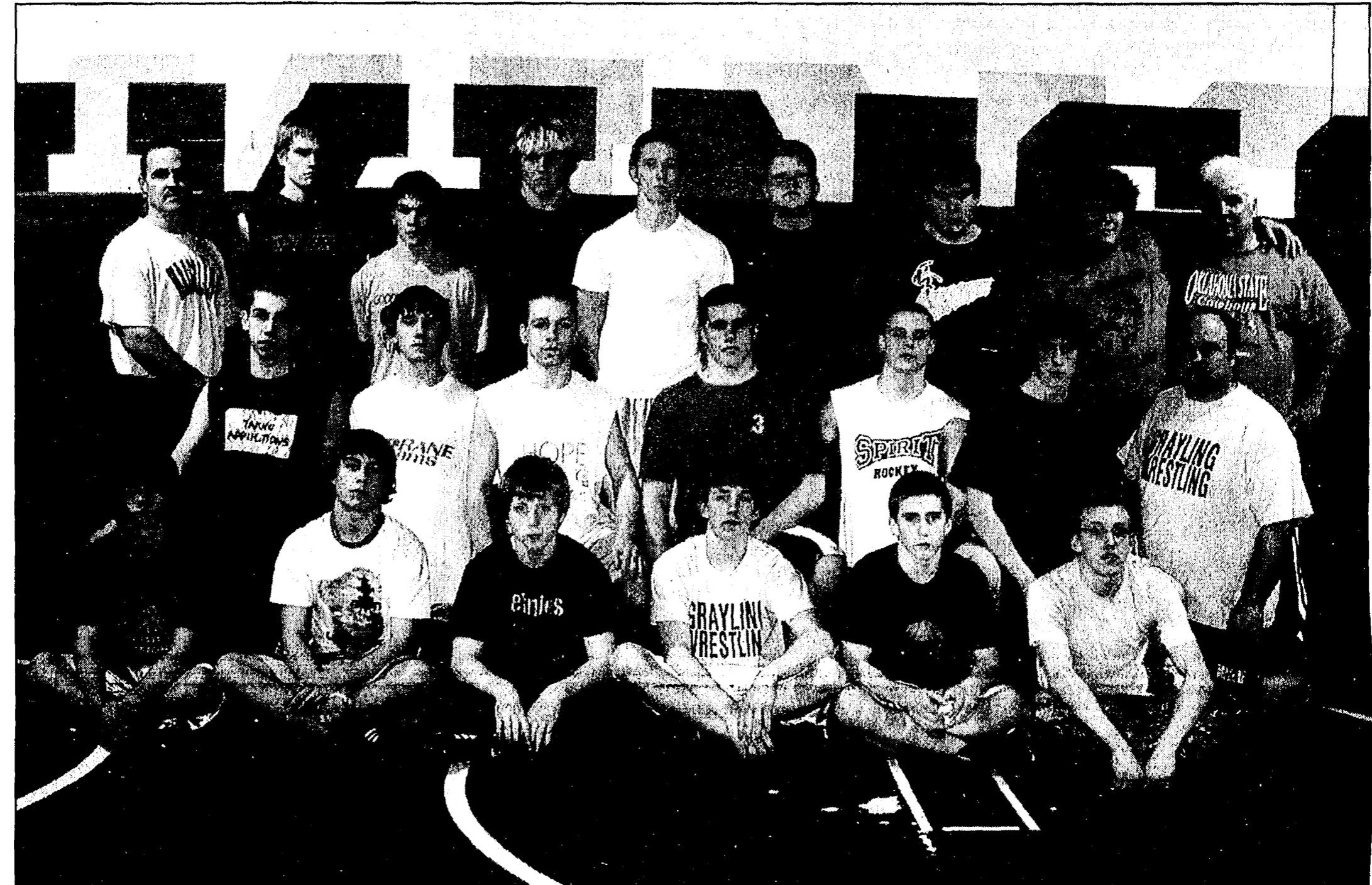


Photo by Caleb Casey

The Grayling High School wrestling team recently finished its Lake Michigan Conference schedule with a 12-0 record and a league championship.

## Varsity squad wins at Gaylord 77-66 on Tuesday

### ■ Gaylord rallies after big first half by Grayling, but Vikings hold on to win by 11

The GHS varsity basketball team improved its overall record to 12-2 with a 77-66 non-conference victory at Gaylord High School on Tuesday night.

Gaylord got off to a strong start and led 26-11 after one period. The Vikings had a 49-26 advantage at halftime.

Gaylord rallied in the third quarter and cut Grayling's lead to 10, 59-49, going into the fourth period.

At the 3:35 mark, the Blue Devils of Gaylord hit a three-point shot to pull within five, 65-60. Two free throws by Bobby Starks put Grayling up by seven. A lay-up by Reagan Schmidt gave the Vikings a nine-point edge. Two free throws by Steve Hodge extended Grayling's lead to 11, 71-60, with 1:07 left in regulation.

A three-point play by Gaylord pulled the Blue Devils to within eight. A lay-up by Hodge gave the Vikings a 10-point lead. Gaylord hit a three-pointer to pull within seven with 34 seconds remaining in the contest.

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See "VARSITY SQUAD..."



Reagan Schmidt drives to the basket for the Vikings during Tuesday's game at Gaylord High School.

## JV basketball team wins vs. East Jordan 69-46

### ■ Vikings post 89 defensive deflections and 39 steals in Friday night's victory

The GHS junior varsity boys basketball squad defeated the East Jordan Red Devils 69-46 at Grayling High School on Friday.

Grayling had a 13-5 lead after one period and led 28-19 at the half. The Vikings took a 48-30 lead into the fourth quarter and finished with a 23-point win, 69-

46.

"The kids worked extremely hard all game. They set a team record with 85 deflections and 39 steals on defense. Normally, we average 45 deflections in a game," Coach Chris Kucharek said. "Geo (Bindschat) and Richie (Schreiber) played an excellent all-around game. It was nice to see everyone score in the game."

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See "JV BASKETBALL..."



Matt McDonald shoots a free throw for Grayling at Gaylord on Tuesday night.

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John Mcaley (left) and Zach Wolcott (right) compete in the 2006 big air competition at Hanson Hills.

## GRA hosts big air competition at Hanson Hills during Winter Fun Days

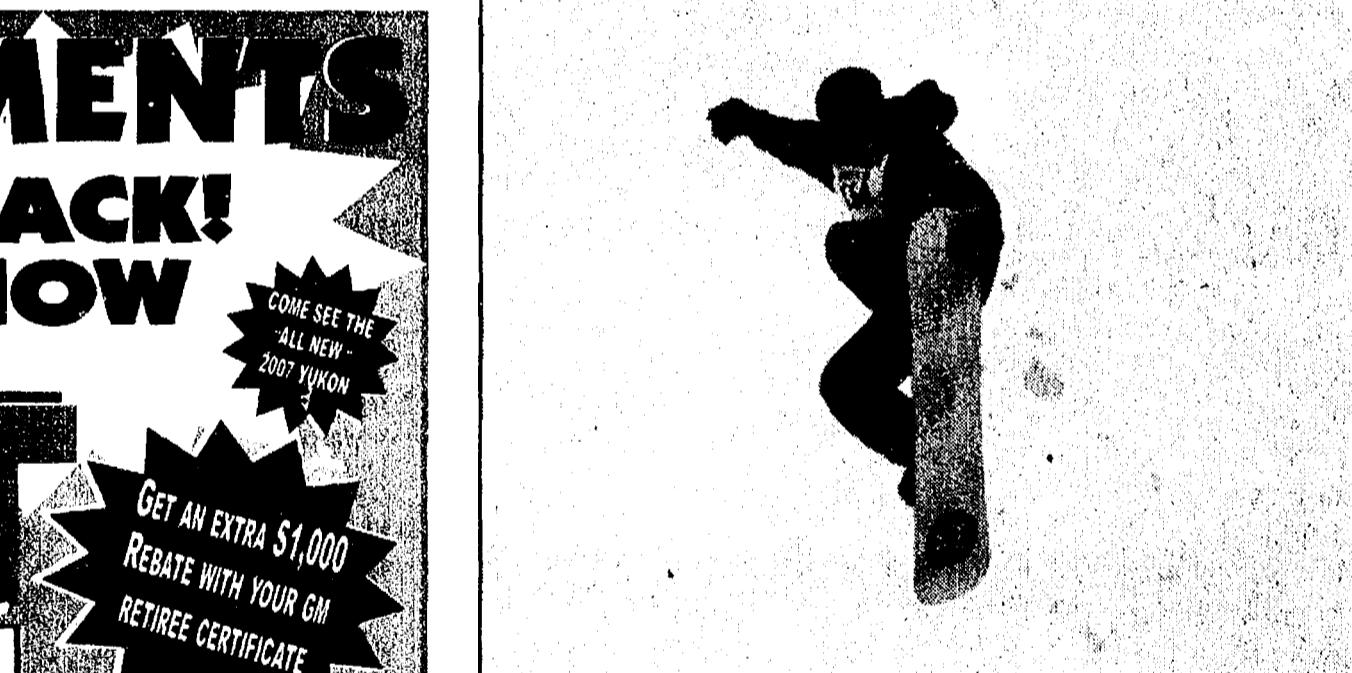
Several skiers and snowboarders participated in the annual big air competition at Grayling Recreation Authority's Winter Fun Days festival at Hanson Hills on Saturday, Feb. 4.

A panel of judges scored each skier and snowboarder, and the winners of the event (by age division) are as follows:

- 12 & under (ski): 1st – Dan Bertalan, 2nd – Tyler Brigham; 13-15 (ski): 1st – Brady Coe, 2nd – Mike Davis, 3rd – Zach Wolcott;
- 13-15 (snowboard): 1st – Eric Ferrigan;
- 16-18 (ski): 1st – Shawn Hernandez, 2nd – Jordan Herrick;
- 16-18 (snowboard): 1st – Billy Weaver, 2nd – Doug Slater, 3rd – Justin Sheldon;
- 19 and over (ski): 1st – A.J. Brackenbury;
- 19 and over (snowboard): 1st – Ryan Messerschmidt.



Mike Davis soars through the air at Hanson Hills during the Winter Fun Days festival's big air competition.



Eric Ferrigan competes in the big air competition's snowboarding division.

## POOL LEAGUE

### Women's Standings

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| Frederic Inn | 147 |
| Sawmill I    | 129 |
| Holiday Inn  | 127 |
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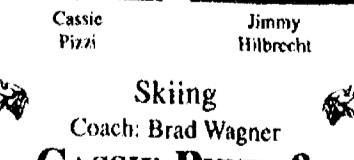
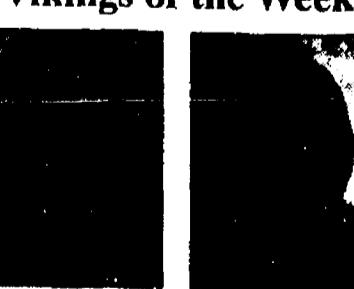
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### Vikings of the Week



Cassie Pizzi

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Cassie was selected for lin-gering around the top 10 in all of her races this week. Jimmy was chosen for making significant improvements in his slalom racing. "Jimmy's been training real hard in practice and is starting to get the results to match," his coach said.

### WAMS



Four Vikings earned individual medals for their placements at Friday's Bellaire Invitational (L to R): Andrew Hart (10th slalom), Katie Baynham (2nd giant slalom, 3rd slalom), Cassie Pizzi (5th giant slalom), and Jimmy Hilbrecht (9th slalom).

## GHS skis in league meet, Bellaire Invitational

### ■ Girls team places 1st in giant slalom competition on Thursday at Bellaire

The GHS Vikings skied in two competitions last week — a Lake Michigan Conference meet on Thursday and the Bellaire Invitational on Friday.

On Thursday night, Grayling's boys team skied to a 6th place finish in the LMC meet. The Harbor Springs boys finished first.

Jimmy Hilbrecht and Andrew Hart led Grayling with 12th and 14th place finishes, respectively, in slalom.

"Both boys are skiing strong in slalom right now," Coach Brad Wagner said.

The GHS girls team skied to a 5th place finish on Thursday.

"Cassie Pizzi skied great all night and led our team in both events. Cassie finished 6th in slalom and 11th in GS. We also got to welcome back Katie Baynham. Katie's skiing on a torn ACL and finished 11th in slalom. She also gave us a little scare when she took a toss on her 1st run of GS, got up, hiked, and finished the run just fine, no big whup," Coach Wagner said.

"The girls team proved that they were competitive. We were in good shape after our first run of slalom with two girls in the top 10, but made some mistakes in the second run. Katie Baynham led our team in slalom with a third place finish," Coach Wagner said.

"The girls made up for any mistakes in slalom by winning the GS outright. Katie Baynham

and Cassie Pizzi both had great second runs. Katie wound up in 2nd place and Cassie took 5th overall. Erica Moggo and Hannah Smith also placed themselves in the top 20 to help out. Our girls are very competitive in our region — regionals should be a hoot," Coach Wagner said. "(The girls) proved to be pretty resilient. Katie Baynham is skiing with a torn ACL, Erica Moggo is skiing on a bad back, Hannah Smith has been battling illness for the last couple of weeks. These are tough girls."

The Vikings will ski at regionals on Thursday, Feb. 16, at Crystal Mountain.

## Wrestling team wins Lake Michigan Conference title

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Bancroft (152), Eric Madill (160), James Walker (189), and Bill Stewart (heavyweight). Brian Hagerman (145) took 3rd in his weight division.

"It was impressive to have every member of our team except one wrestling in the finals," Coach Joe Ferrigan said. "The finals was Grayling against everybody else. It was a good meet for us. It's good for the

young kids especially to get a victory like that at this stage."

The Vikings begin their post-season schedule this week with team districts.

"At the beginning of the season we set two goals. One was to win the conference championship. The second was to make it through districts as a team," Coach Ferrigan said. "They've stayed focused and paid attention to the whole plan. They've

bought into it, and the benefits are there for them."

The Vikings will host the team district event on Wednesday, Feb. 15, at 6 p.m. The meet will be held at Grayling Middle School — not at the high school, as originally scheduled. Grayling will wrestle Roscommon first, and the winner will face Cheboygan or Houghton Lake for the District 167 title.

## BOWLING LEAGUE

### Recreation League

American Legion ..... 27 - 9  
Woody Girls ..... 23 - 13  
Mickey Perez, CPA ..... 22 - 14  
Gr. Nursing Center ..... 19 - 17  
Hawk Ridge ..... 17 - 19  
Coldwell Banker ..... 13 - 23  
Days Inn ..... 10 - 26  
Glen's Market ..... 10 - 26  
High Series: M. Starks, 546; V. Balmes, 532; K. Moshier, 531.  
High Game: V. Balmes, 212; M. Starks and K. Moshier, 193; S. Johnson, 188.

### Senior Bowling

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Flowers By Josie ..... 51.5 - 40.5  
Kicking Grass ..... 49 - 43  
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Sylvester's Sports ..... 35 - 57

High Series Women: C. Wyatt, 466; H. Stairs, 454; M. Ryss, 426. High Game Women: H. Stairs, 167; M. Ryss, 166; C. Wyatt, 156. High Series Men: B. Hollis, 531; P. Faustman, 515; G. Wolfe, 512. High Game Men: K. Harris, 204; P. Faustman, 195; B. Hollis, 193.

### Pioneer League

McDonald's ..... 17 - 3  
Grayling Rest ..... 15 - 5

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Eli VanNuck shoots from three-point range at Gaylord.



Mike Boylan takes a free throw shot for the Vikings on Tuesday.

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**Varsity squad wins at Gaylord 77-66 on Tuesday**

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Two free throws by Schmidt put the Vikings ahead by nine with 27 seconds left in the period. Eli VanNuck scored the last basket of the game on an assist from Hodge, and the Vikings won by a final score of 77-66.

"I thought the first half was probably as well as we've played this year. The kids did a great job of moving the basketball and finding the open shooters, and we shot the ball well," Coach Rich Moffit said. "Down the stretch the kids showed a lot of character to finish strong."

The leading scorers for

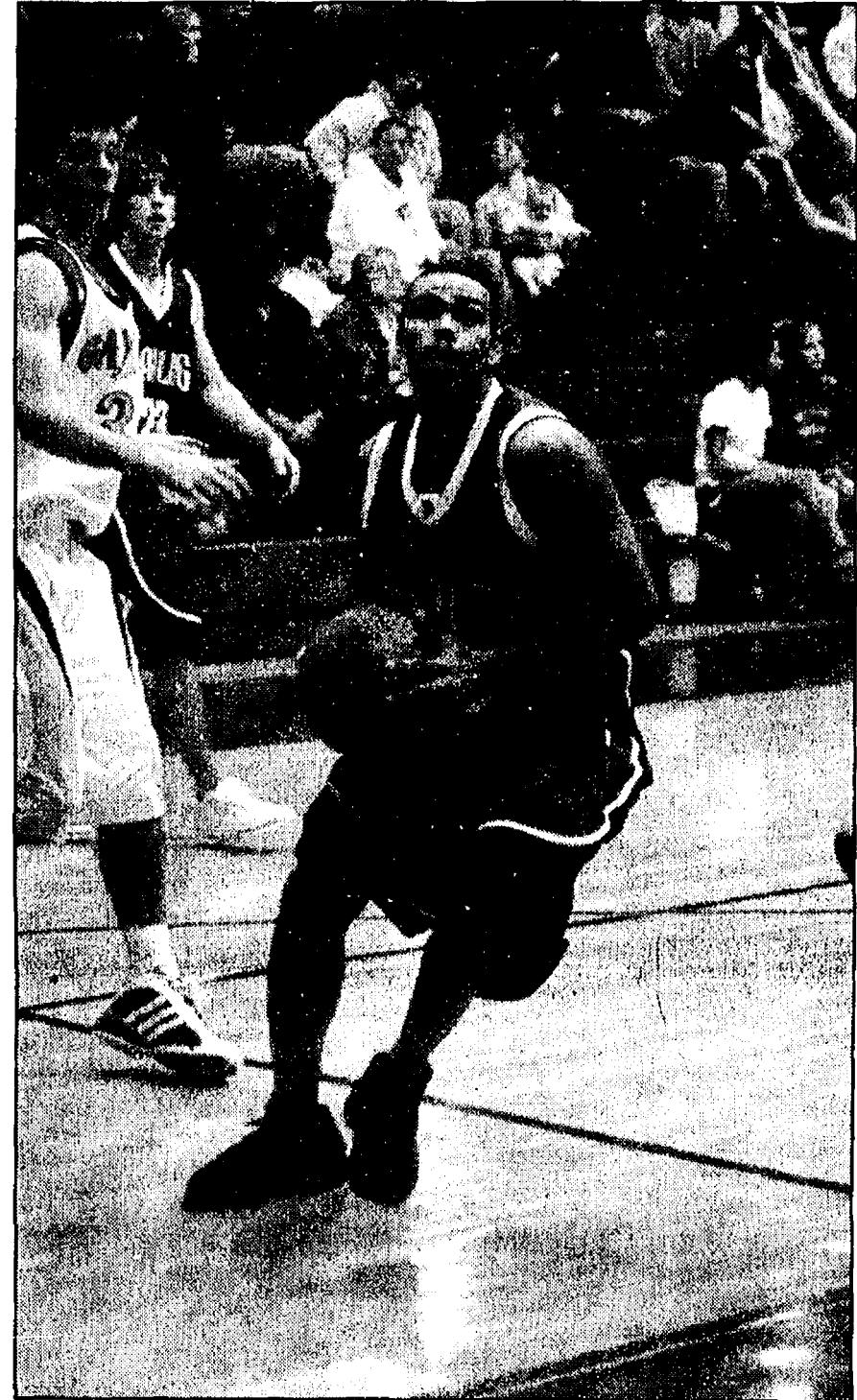
Grayling were Bobby Starks and Ryan Feldhauser with 17 and 16 points, respectively. VanNuck scored 15 points and Hodge finished with 11. Mike Boylan added 9 points. Schmidt, Zach Dean, and Ronnie Johnston also scored points for the Vikings.

Leading rebounders for Grayling were VanNuck (7), Starks (6), Boylan (5), and Feldhauser (4). Hodge had 4 assists and Starks had 3. Starks finished with 7 steals and VanNuck had 5 steals.

The Vikings host the Rams of Harbor Springs on Friday, Feb. 17.



Bobby Starks handles the ball for Grayling at Gaylord on Tuesday.



Steve Hodge drives toward the basket for GHS in last week's game against the Blue Devils.

Photos by Caleb Casey

**Vikings defeat East Jordan Red Devils 65-57 on Friday****Grayling improves its Lake Michigan Conference record to 7-2 with Friday's win**

Grayling High School won last Friday's varsity boys basketball game vs. the visiting East Jordan Red Devils by a final score of 65-57, improving the squad's Lake Michigan Conference record to 7-2 (13-2 overall).

The Vikings had a 14-12 lead after one quarter and led 26-23 at halftime. GHS took a 50-39 advantage into the fourth quarter and won the game by eight points, 65-57.

Eli VanNuck was the scoring leader for Grayling with 27 points. Steve Hodge scored 12 points and Reagan Schmidt added 10. Jim Boylan, Bobby Starks, Mike Boylan, and Zach

Dean also scored points for the Vikings.

Starks had 7 rebounds. Schmidt and M. Boylan had 6 rebounds apiece. Schmidt and Starks both finished with 3 steals.

"We struggled at both ends of the court," Coach Rich Moffit said. "We executed during crunch time."

Grayling will host the Elks of Elk Rapids on Tuesday, Feb. 21.

**KIRTLAND BASKETBALL****Women's Team**

Emily Henion, a 5'6" Kirtland Community College freshman who grew up in Frederic, recently received Women's Basketball Player-of-the-Week honors from the National Junior College Athletic Association.

The announcement and Henion's picture were posted to the NJCAA Web site on Feb. 1 and took into account the fantastic statistics the petite point guard racked up in the Lady Firebirds' Jan. 28 win over Henry Ford Community College.

From the Web site, "Henion led Kirtland to a 2-0 record last week with a double-double in wins over Alpena (79-62) and Henry Ford (119-100). Against Alpena she had 11 points, 11 assists, seven rebounds and three steals. She followed that with 22 points, 11 assists, seven rebounds and six steals in the win over Henry Ford."

On the week she averaged 16.5 points, 7.0 rebounds, 11.0 assists and 4.5 steals per game and her assist-to-turnover ratio for the week was 22-to-1."

The award is in the association's

Division II women's basketball section which includes more than 100 colleges and teams from around the country.

"Emily is an amazing point guard," Kirtland's athletic director and head women's basketball coach Teresa Stuck said. "She has complete control of the game. When the other team is on a run and I put her in, I have no worries."

"Lately, she has really stepped up her game, especially offensively. Defensively she has increased her aggressiveness and been able to force some big turnovers at key points in games. But offensively, as a scoring threat, is where she really is starting to blossom. She is beginning to add scoring to her repertoire of talents which makes her a huge asset to us and a nightmare for other teams."

Henion is the daughter of Dave and MariAnn Henion of Frederic. She is a 2003 graduate of Gaylord St. Mary High School where she was coached by Jim Kerfoot.

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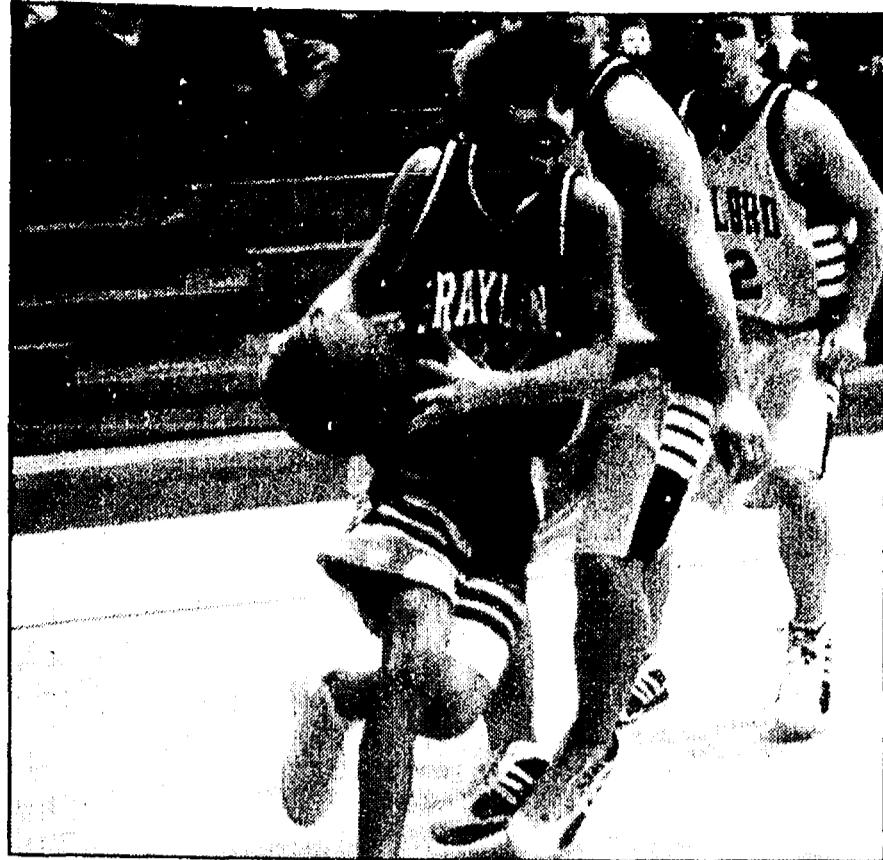
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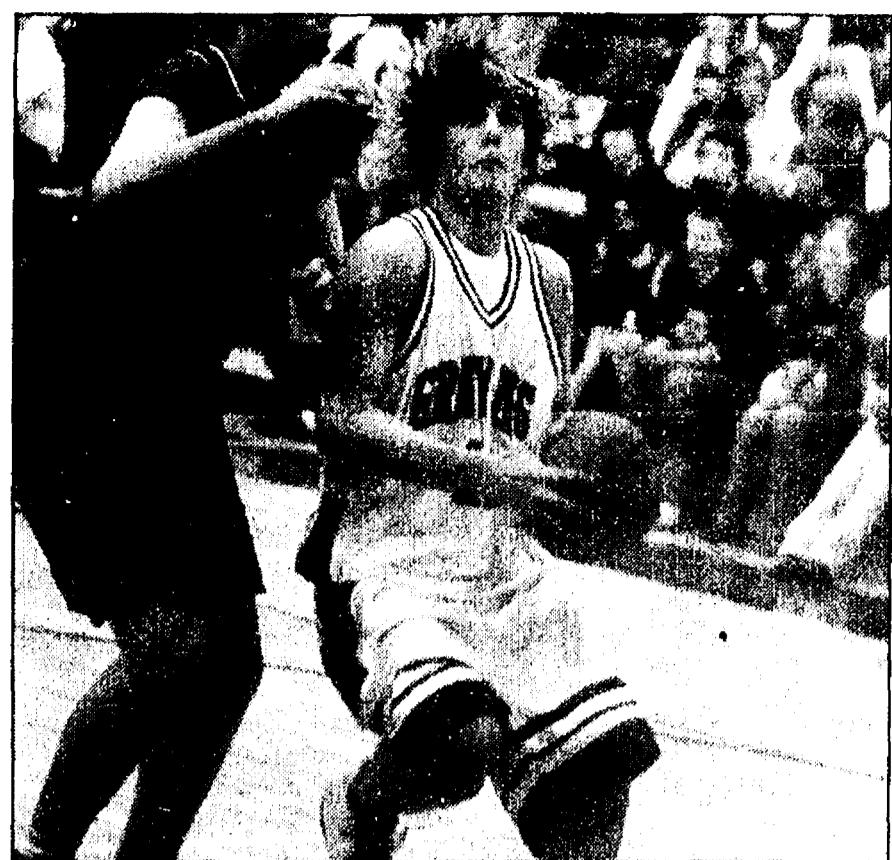
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Jason Drudge handles the ball for Grayling at Gaylord on Tuesday.



Geo Bindschatel looks to shoot for the Vikings during Friday's contest vs. East Jordan.

## JV basketball team wins vs. East Jordan 69-46

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Bindschatel had 9 points, 11 rebounds, 11 deflections, and 9 steals for GHS. Rocky McNamara had 14 points and 8 deflections. Schreiber had 4 points, 19 deflections, and 9 steals. Jason Drudge had 5 points and 12 deflections. Josh Stapleton scored 13 points and Isaac VanNuck added 10. Matt McDonald, Ryan Cooper, Justin Denno, Andrew Hulbert, and Lucas Pippin also scored points for GHS.

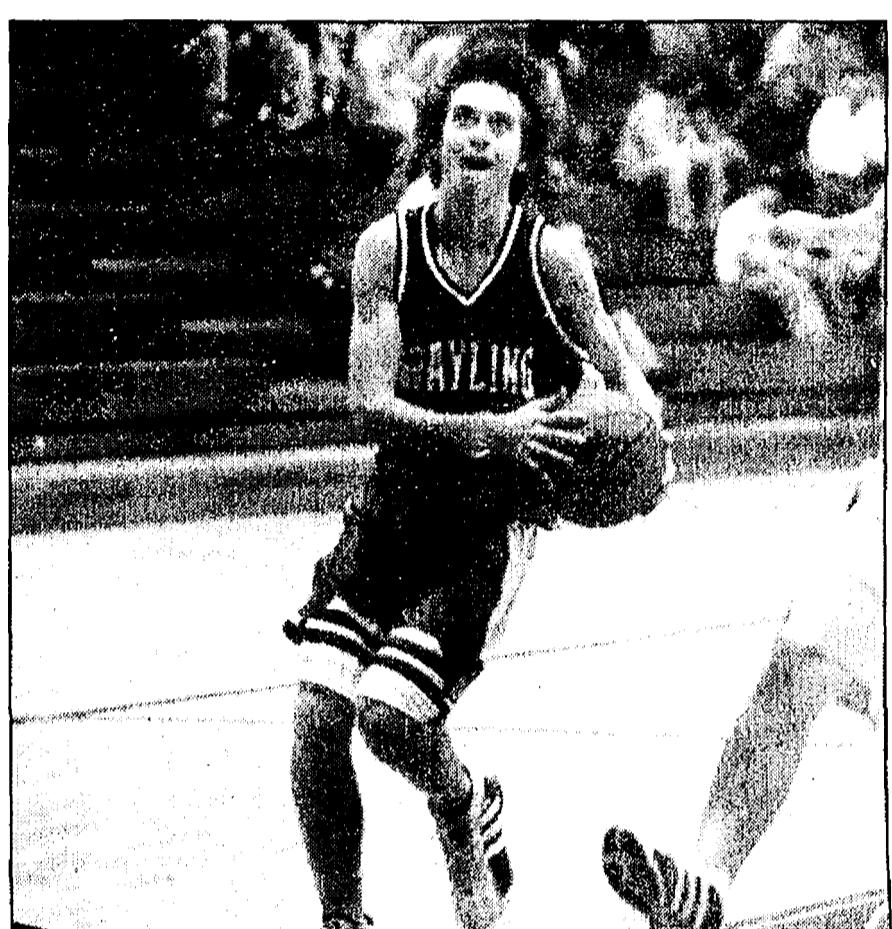
On Tuesday, Grayling lost 62-47 at Gaylord.

The Blue Devils led 19-17 after one quarter and had a 36-25 half-time advantage. Gaylord took a 50-29 lead into the fourth period.

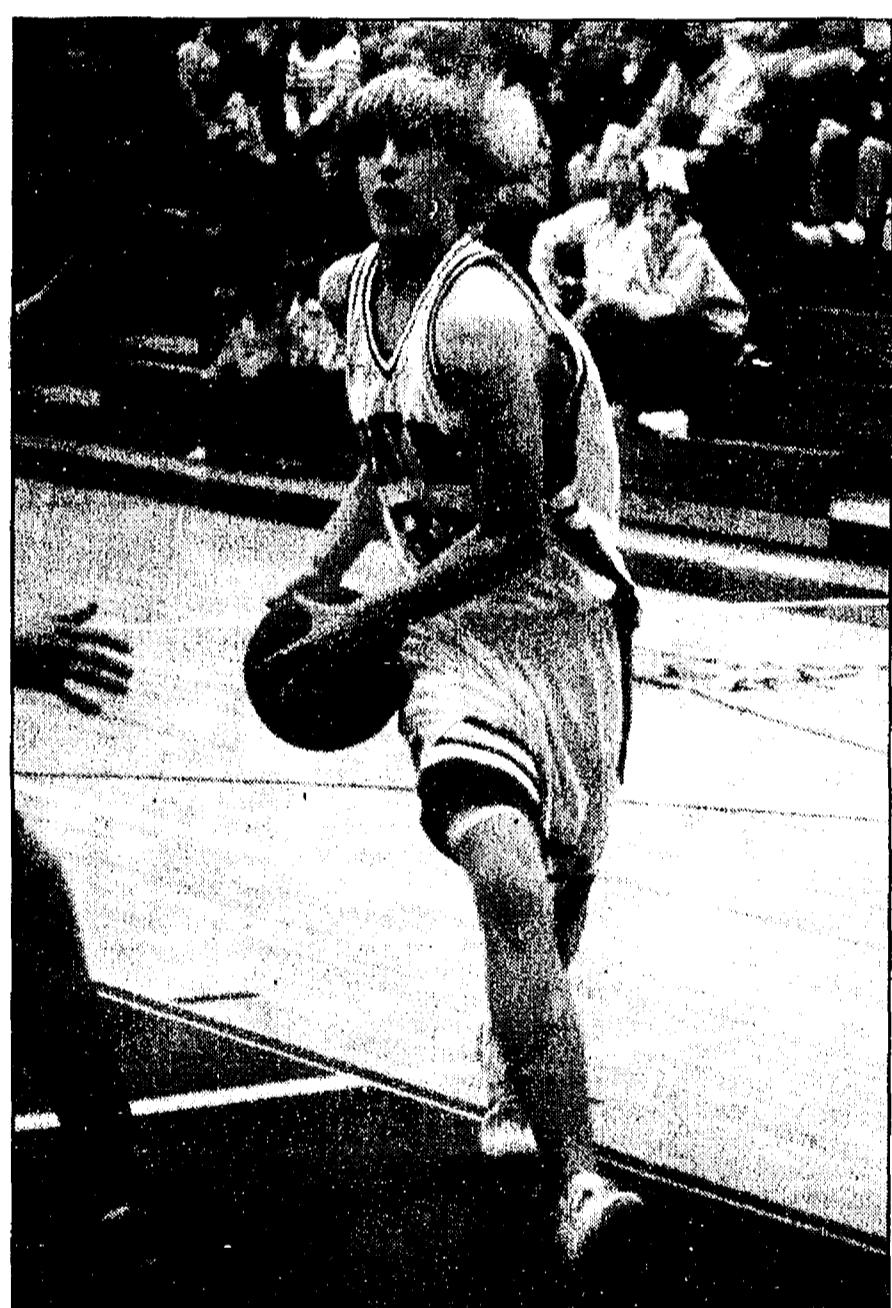
"We gave no effort on defense. Most of their points were in transition or off our turnovers," Coach Kucharek said.

Drudge had 13 points for Grayling. Justin Summers had 8 points and 6 steals.

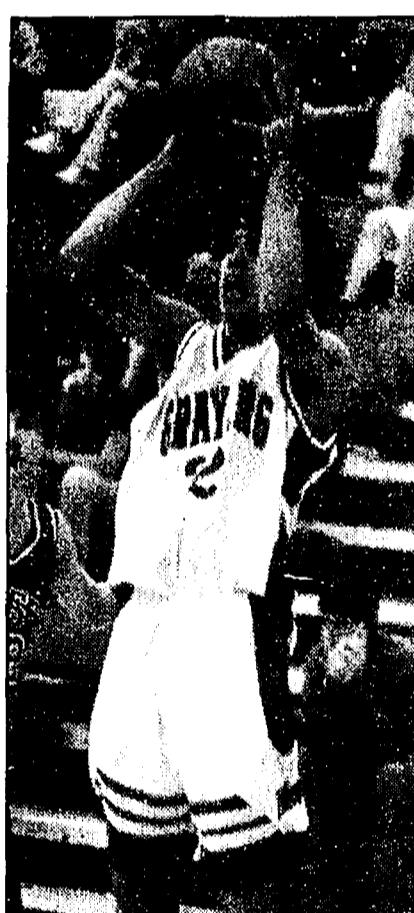
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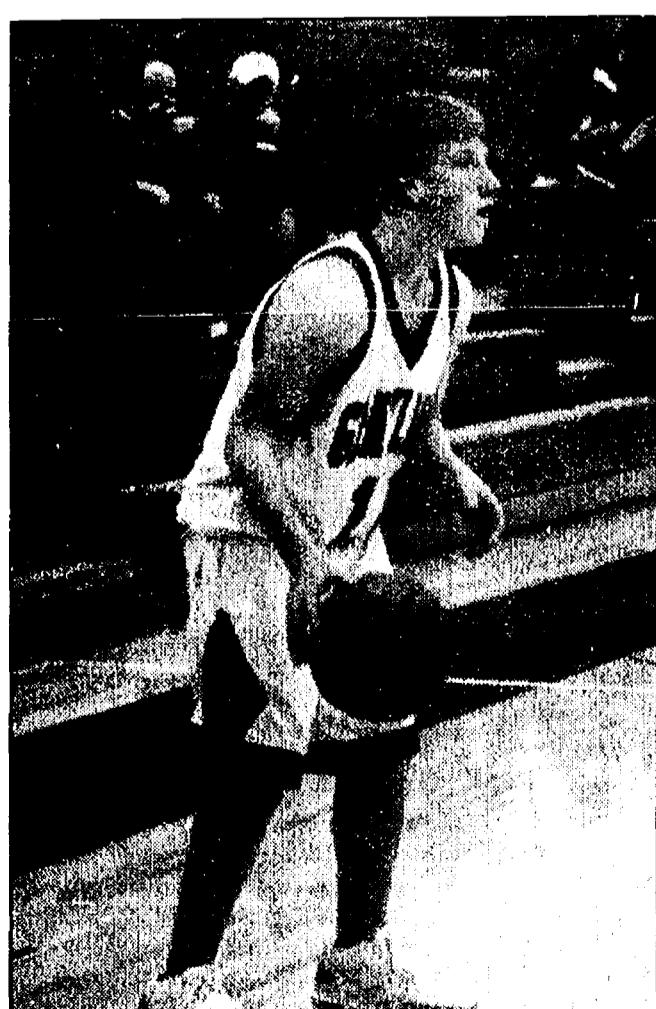
Justin Summers shoots a lay-up for GHS on Tuesday.



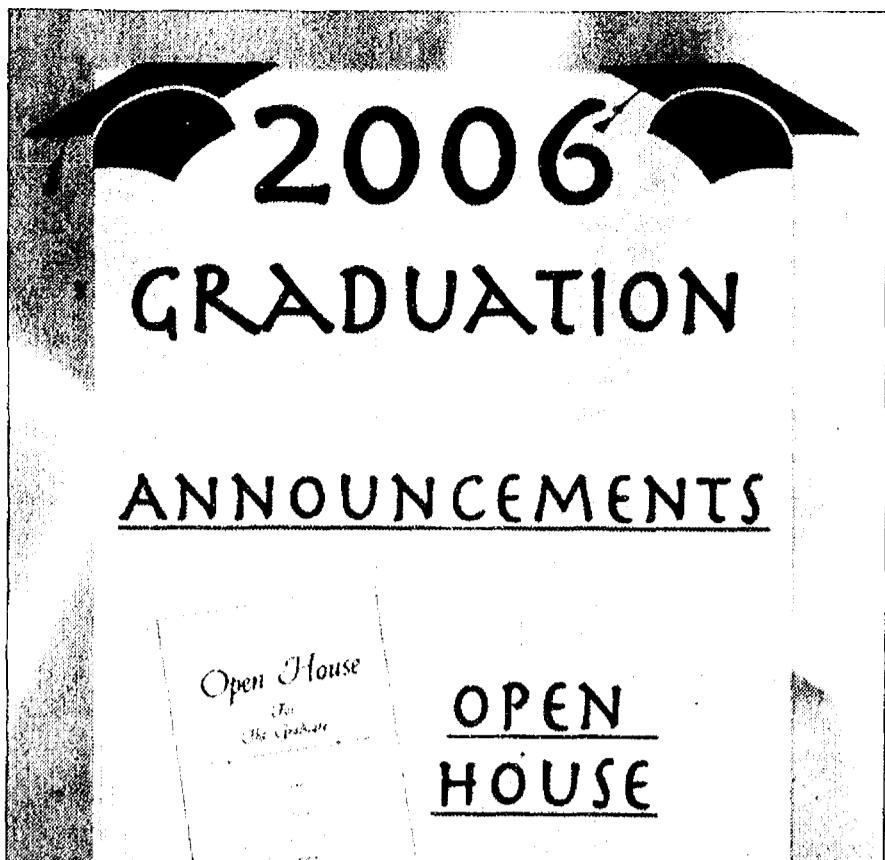
Rocky McNamara (left) drives to the basket for Grayling vs. East Jordan on Friday. Isaac VanNuck (right) shoots for the Vikings on Friday night.



## 9th grade team defeats Red Devils 67-19

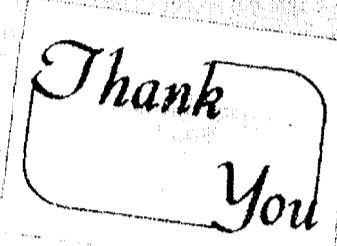


Ryan Foguth (left) handles the ball for Grayling High School's freshman basketball team on Friday. Trent Larm (right) shoots for the Vikings in the game against East Jordan on Friday night. GHS won the contest by a final score of 67-19.



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MORTGAGE SALE -- Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by GREGORY A. MILLER and SHELLY A. MILLER, husband and wife, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for lender and lender's successors and assigns., Mortgagee, dated May 7, 2002, and recorded on May 15, 2002, in Liber 581, on Page 452, Crawford County Records, Michigan, and assigned by said mortgagee to GMAC MORTGAGE CORPORATION, as assigned, Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Twenty-Four Thousand Twenty-Seven Dollars and Seventy-Three Cents (\$124,027.73), including interest at 6.750% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan, at 10:00 AM o'clock, on March 1, 2006

Said premises are situated in TOWNSHIP of GRAYLING, Crawford County, Michigan and described as: LOT(S) 15 AND 16, BLOCK 1, FIRST ADDITION TO PORTAGE LAKE PARK, AS RECORDED IN LIBER 1 OF PLATS, PAGE 19, CRAWFORD COUNTY RECORDS. TAX ID NO. 040-45-762-01-015-00

The redemption period shall be 6 months

from the date of such sale unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: January 19, 2006  
GMAC MORTGAGE CORPORATION  
Mortgagee/Assignee

Peter M. Schneiderman & Associates, P.C.  
23100 Providence Drive, Suite 450  
Southfield, MI 48075

-29-2-9-16

## Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Robert M. Dent, a single man, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated December 5, 2001, and recorded on December 21, 2001 in Liber 564 on Page 309, and rerecorded on May 12, 2003 in Liber 633 on Page 210, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-One Thousand Five Hundred Ninety-Eight And 29/100 Dollars (\$71,598.29), including interest at

7.5% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on March 1, 2006.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 26, Grayling Manor, According to the Recorded Plat Thereof, as Recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Page 10, Crawford County Records

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: January 26, 2006  
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## MORTGAGE SALE

AS A DEBT COLLECTOR, WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. NOTIFY (248) 362-6100 IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

MORTGAGE SALE -- Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Raymond W. Nelson and Darlene E. Nelson, husband and wife of Crawford County, Michigan, Mortgagor to Fifth Third Bank dated the 6th day of August, A.D. 2003, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds,

for the County of Crawford and State of Michigan, on the 20th day of May, A.D. 2004, in Liber 668 of Crawford Records, on page 338, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, for principal and interest, the sum of \$79,746.35 (Seventy Nine thousand, Seven hundred Forty Six dollars and Thirty Five cents) including interest there on at 11.99% (eleven point nine nine) percent per annum.

And no suit proceedings at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof. Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to the statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on the 15th day of March, A.D., 2006, at 10:00 a.m. o'clock said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the front door to the county building, in Grayling, Michigan, Crawford County, Michigan, of the premises described in said mortgage. Which said premises are described as follows: All that certain piece or parcel of land situate in the Township of Maple Forest, in the County of Crawford and State of Michigan and described as follows to wit:

Parcel E: Part of the Northwest one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of Section 34, Town 28 North, Range 3 West, Maple Forest Township, Crawford County, Michigan, Commencing at the West one-quarter of said Section 34; thence South 0 degrees 55 minutes 15 seconds East (along the Section line), 651.1 feet to the point of beginning; thence South 59 degrees 07 minutes East, 155.3 feet; thence South 50 degrees 17 minutes East, 200.8 feet; thence South 35 degrees 54 minutes East, 246.3 feet; thence South 15 degrees 35 minutes West, 125.9 feet; thence South 2 degrees 10 minutes West, 104.2 feet to the South one-eighth line; thence North 89 degrees 26 minutes 30 seconds West, 384.1 feet to the Section line; thence North 0 degrees 55 minutes 15 seconds West, 629.45 feet to the point

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The redemption period shall be one year from the date of such sale.

Dated: February 9, 2006

WELTMAN, WEINBERG & REIS CO., L.P.A.

By: Daniel E. Best, (P-58501)  
Attorney for Assignee of Mortgagee  
Weltman, Weinberg & Reis Co., L.P.A.  
2155 Butterfield Drive, Suite 200-S  
Troy, Michigan 48084  
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## Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Monte G. Maloney, a single man, whose last known address was 525 Crescent Place, Grayling, Michigan 49738 to the United States of America, acting through the Rural Housing Service or successor agency, United States Department of Agriculture now known as United States Department of Agriculture Rural Development, dated August 4, 2000 and recorded December 5, 2000 in Crawford County Register of Deeds at Liber 524, Pages 157, 158, 159, 160 161 & 162. There is claimed to be due to the United States of America as of January 9, 2006 the sum of Fifty-Eight Thousand Nine Hundred Sixty-Seven And 25/100 Dollars (\$58,967.25), including interest at 8.125% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged property, or some part thereof, at public venue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on March 1, 2006.

Said premises are situated in City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: BEING PARTS OF LOTS 17, 18 AND 19, OF BLOCK 8 OF THE FIFTH ADDITION TO PORTAGE LAKE PARK, LYING SOUTHWESTERLY OF HIGHWAY M-72 AND ALSO A PART OF BLOCK 9 OF THE FIFTH ADDITION TO PORTAGE LAKE PARK DESCRIBED AS: BEING ALL THAT PART OF EVERGREEN STREET LYING BETWEEN BLOCKS 8 AND 9 AND WEST OF THE SOUTHWESTERLY RIGHT OF WAY BOUNDARY OF M-72, TO THE WESTERLY LINE OF ADJOINING LOT 17 IN BLOCK 8, IF EXTENDED SOUTH ACROSS EVERGREEN STREET TO THE NORTHERN BOUNDARY OF BLOCK 9, ALSO LOTS 30 THROUGH 34 INCLUSIVE OF BLOCK 9, FIFTH ADDITION TO PORTAGE LAKE PARK, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN LIBER 1 OF PLATS, PAGE 24, CRAWFORD COUNTY RECORDS. ALL IN SECTION 9, TOWN 25 NORTH, RANGE 4 WEST

The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of such sale, unless the property is abandoned, in which case the redemption period shall be thirty (30) days from the date of sale or abandonment, if abandonment occurs after sale.

Dated: January 18, 2005

David L. Porteous  
Attorney for Mortgagee  
PORTEOUS LAW OFFICE, P.C.  
4393 - 220th Avenue, P.O. Box 206  
Reed City, MI 49677  
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-2-9-16-2-3

## MORTGAGE SALE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

Notice is hereby given that Default has occurred in a Mortgage given by Tim A. Thiel, a single man, and Paul N. Thiel, a single man, mortgagors, to Independent Bank, f/k/a First National Bank of Gaylord, mortgagee. The Mortgage is dated January 18, 2002, and was recorded on June 20, 2002, in Liber 585 on pages 65 through 68 of the Crawford County records. The balance owing on the Mortgage as of the date of this Notice is \$31,058.51, including interest at 8.75% per year. The Mortgage contains a power of sale clause and no proceedings have been instituted to recover any part of the debt owing.

The Mortgage will be foreclosed by selling the property described below at a public auction to the highest bidder. The sale will be held on Wednesday, March 8, 2006, at 10:00 a.m. local time at the main entrance to the Crawford County Court Facility, 200 W. Michigan Avenue, Grayling, Michigan, that being the place of holding Circuit Court for Crawford County, Michigan. The property will be sold to pay the amount then due on the Mortgage, including interest, legal costs, attorney fees and any taxes or insurance which may be paid by the mortgagee before the sale.

The property to be sold is located in the Township of Beaver Creek, County of Crawford, Michigan and is described as: Parcel 33: A parcel of land on part of the East half of Section 8, T25N, R3W, Beaver Creek Township, Crawford County, Michigan, described as: Commencing at the East Quarter corner of said Section 8; thence N89°48'29" W, 299.59 feet to the Point of Beginning, thence S80°52'01" W, 3.34 feet; thence N01°12'41" E, 395.35 feet; thence N81°49'34" E, 202.71 feet; thence S01°12'41" W, 391.94 feet; thence S80°52'01" W, 197.27 feet to the Point of Beginning. SUBJECT TO an easement for ingress, egress and public utilities over and across the Southerly 33 feet thereof.

The redemption period will expire six (6) months from the date of sale, unless it is determined that the property is abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period will be 30 days from the date of the sale.

IT IS ORDERED:  
2. Service of the summons and complaint and a copy of this order may be made by the following method(s):

d. PUBLISHING IN THE LEGAL NEWS FOR THE COUNTY OF CRAWFORD IN FOR THREE CONSECUTIVE WEEKS.

3. For each method used, proof of service must be filed promptly with the court. Date 1/30/06 Judge Murphy

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| <b>BEAVER CREEK - TENTATIVE RATIOS AND FACTORS 2005</b> |                    |                    |              |               |
| 101 Agricultural                                        | 286,300            | 292,210            | 48.99        | 1.0206        |
| 201 Commercial                                          | 4,303,300          | 4,375,941          | 49.17        | 1.0169        |
| 301 Industrial                                          | 12,941,200         | 12,941,200         | 50.00        | 1.0000        |
| 401 Residential                                         | 58,033,600         | 62,147,783         | 46.69        | 1.0709        |
| 501 Timber Cut-Over                                     |                    |                    |              |               |
| 601 Developmental                                       |                    |                    |              |               |
| <b>TOTAL REAL</b>                                       | <b>75,564,400</b>  | <b>79,757,134</b>  |              |               |
| <b>TOTAL PERSONAL</b>                                   | <b>24,697,000</b>  | <b>24,693,797</b>  | <b>50.01</b> | <b>0.9998</b> |
| <b>TOTAL TOWNSHIP</b>                                   | <b>100,261,400</b> | <b>104,450,931</b> |              |               |
| <b>FREDERIC - TENTATIVE RATIOS AND FACTORS 2005</b>     |                    |                    |              |               |
| 101 Agricultural                                        | 5,350,100          | 5,350,100          | 50.00        | 1.0000        |
| 201 Commercial                                          | 2,786,800          | 2,339,490          | 59.56        | 0.8395        |
| 301 Industrial                                          | 404,600            | 438,258            | 46.16        | 1.0832        |
| 401 Residential                                         | 59,763,600         | 62,645,283         | 47.70        | 1.0482        |
| 501 Timber Cut-Over                                     | 1,848,300          | 1,974,258          | 46.81        | 1.0681        |
| 601 Developmental                                       |                    |                    |              |               |
| <b>TOTAL REAL</b>                                       | <b>70,153,400</b>  | <b>72,747,389</b>  |              |               |
| <b>TOTAL PERSONAL</b>                                   | <b>6,878,468</b>   | <b>6,878,540</b>   | <b>50.00</b> | <b>1.0000</b> |
| <b>TOTAL TOWNSHIP</b>                                   | <b>77,031,868</b>  | <b>79,625,929</b>  |              |               |
| <b>GRAYLING - TENTATIVE RATIOS AND FACTORS 2005</b>     |                    |                    |              |               |
| 101 Agricultural                                        | 2,159,900          | 2,159,900          | 50.00        | 1.0000        |
| 201 Commercial                                          | 8,710,700          | 8,523,190          | 51.10        | 0.9785        |
| 301 Industrial                                          | 24,230,800         | 24,544,976         | 49.36        | 1.0130        |
| 401 Residential                                         | 205,484,100        | 216,572,618        | 47.44        | 1.0540        |
| 501 Timber Cut-Over                                     |                    |                    |              |               |
| 601 Developmental                                       |                    |                    |              |               |
| <b>TOTAL REAL</b>                                       | <b>240,585,500</b> | <b>251,800,684</b> |              |               |
| <b>TOTAL PERSONAL</b>                                   | <b>6,141,600</b>   | <b>6,141,270</b>   | <b           |               |

## LEGAL ACTION

### STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF CRAWFORD NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate

File No. 06-7081 DE  
Estate of Glen Bedell, deceased

Date of birth: 7/23/1932

#### NOTICE TO CREDITORS:

The decedent, Glen Bedell, who lived at 10132 Powell Trail, Grayling, Michigan died 12/28/2005.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Arthur Vaughn, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 200 W. Michigan Ave. Grayling, MI 49738 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Todd H. Nye P 59301  
306 State Street, P.O. Box 708  
Grayling, MI 49738  
(989) 348-6141

Arthur Vaughn  
3775 Parren Lane  
Grayling, MI 49738  
(989) 348-6904

appearing that Kelly M. Wargo (now known as Kelly M. Verlinde) is the record owner of the mortgaged premises hereinafter; and by reason of such default, the Mortgagor elects to declare the entire unpaid amount of such Mortgages due and payable forthwith, on which Mortgages there is claimed to be due at the date of this notice, for principal and interest, the sum of ONE HUNDRED SEVENTEEN THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED FOURTEEN AND 41/100 (\$117,614.41) DOLLARS, and no proceedings having been instituted to recover the debt now remaining secured by said Mortgages, or any part thereof, whereby the power of sale contained in said Mortgages has become operative;

Street, West Branch, Michigan 48661, telephone (989) 345-4010, ext. 4.

Dated: January 31, 2006

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, acting through the Farmers Home Administration (now Rural Development), United States Department of Agriculture, Mortgagor

Robert J. Zitta (P22749)  
Attorney for Mortgagee  
SCHEUERLE & ZITTA  
300 Washington Street  
P.O. Box 212  
Grand Haven, MI 49417  
(616) 842-1470

Thousand Six Hundred Thirty-Four And 83/100 Dollars (\$59,634.83), including interest at 8.5% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on March 22, 2006.

Said premises are situated in Township of South Branch, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Commencing at the Northwest corner of the Northwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 32, Town 25 North, Range 2 West, Township of South Branch, Crawford County, Michigan, thence South 0 degrees 03 minutes East on Section line, 104 feet for Point of Beginning; thence South 89 degrees 24 minutes East, 164 feet; thence South 0 degrees 03 minutes East, 70 feet; thence North 89 degrees 24 minutes West, 164 feet to Section line; thence North 0 degrees 03 minutes West, 70 feet to Point of Beginning. Being part of the Northwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 32, Town 25 North, Range 2 West, Township of South Branch, Crawford County, Michigan.

-9-16-23-2

### Notice Of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Brenda Manchester, a single woman, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for tender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagor, dated August 12, 2005, and recorded on September 1, 2005 in Liber 677 on Page 228, in Crawford County records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagor to U.S. Bank, N.A., as Trustee as assignee by an assignment, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-Nine

Lands and premises situated in the Township of Frederic, County of Crawford, and State of Michigan:

The West 1/2 of the East 1/2 of the West 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 2, Town 27 North, Range 4 West, lying South of the County Road. (Also Commonly known as 7671 W. May Lake Road, Frederic Michigan, 49733; tax no. 030-002-005-125-00.)

The redemption period shall be one (1) year from the date of such sale unless property is abandoned in which case the redemption period shall be thirty (30) days from the date of sale. This is an attempt to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

Further information with regard to this foreclosure contact the Community Development Manager at the local office of Rural Development (formerly Farmers Home Administration), 240 West Wright

### CRAWFORD COUNTY HOUSING COMMISSION VACANCY

THE CRAWFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ARE PRESENTLY ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR THE HOUSING COMMISSION.

APPLICATIONS ARE REQUIRED TO BE COUNTY RESIDENTS AND TO HAVE A GENUINE INTEREST IN THE HOUSING STOCK FOR CRAWFORD COUNTY AND PARTICIPATE IN THE MANY DECISIONS WHICH TAKE PLACE AT MONTHLY MEETINGS. APPLICATIONS CAN BE OBTAINED FROM AND SUBMITTED TO COUNTY CLERK SANDRA MOORE BY FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2006 AT 3:30 P.M. OR MAY BE OBTAINED ON LINE THRU [www.crawfordco.org](http://www.crawfordco.org) AND RETURNED TO CRAWFORD COUNTY CLERK 200 W. MICHIGAN AVENUE, GRAYLING, MI 49738.

SANDRA MOORE, COUNTY CLERK  
FEBRUARY 8, 2006

### GRAYLING TOWNSHIP BOARD OF REVIEW

Grayling Township's Board of Review will hold an organizational meeting on Tuesday, March 7, 2006 at 10:00 a.m. at the Grayling Township Hall, 2090 Viking Way, Grayling, Michigan 49738. Telephone: (989) 348-4361.

The Board of Review will re-convene at the same address to meet with taxpayers starting at 9:00 a.m. Monday, March 13, 2006, until 12 noon and 1:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. This year the Board of Review will also be held on Thursday, March 16th from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. and Saturday, March 18th from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon. Petitioners will be received on a "first-come-first-served basis" and can also protest by mail or fax to (989) 348-6713

| CLASS        | TENTATIVE RATIO |
|--------------|-----------------|
| Agricultural | 50.00           |
| Commercial   | 50.00           |
| Industrial   | 50.00           |
| Residential  | 50.00           |

Terry Wright, Supervisor  
Monica Ashton, Clerk

### PUBLIC NOTICE

#### Frederic Township Property Owners

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March 14, 2006 2 pm-5 pm and 6 pm-9 pm  
March 18, 2006 9 am-12 pm and 1-4 pm

Each of these meetings will take place in the Township Hall, 7564 Co. Rd. 612 - Frederic, MI 49733.

Jeff Kea  
Supervisor

### CRAWFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS 2006 REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULE

THIRD WEDNESDAY AT 9:30 A.M.

|          |    |                                       |              |
|----------|----|---------------------------------------|--------------|
| January  | 18 | July                                  | 19           |
| February | 15 | August                                | 16           |
| March    | 15 | September                             | 20           |
| April    | 19 | Budget Hearing 9-28 at 5:00 PM (Thur) |              |
| May      | 17 | October                               | 18           |
| June     | 21 | November                              | 08 (2nd Wed) |
|          |    | December                              | 20           |

### 2006 COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL & LABOR WAYS & MEANS

FIRST THURSDAY AT 3:30 P.M.

|          |    |           |    |
|----------|----|-----------|----|
| January  | 05 | July      | 06 |
| February | 02 | August    | 03 |
| March    | 02 | September | 07 |
| April    | 06 | October   | 05 |
| May      | 04 | November  | 02 |
| June     | 01 | December  | 07 |

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: February 16, 2006  
For more information, please call:

FC 248.593.1300  
Trott & Trott, P.C.  
Attorneys For Servicer  
30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200  
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5829  
File #082782FD

-16-23-2

### Statement of Non-Discrimination

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### TAXPAYERS OF MAPLE FOREST TOWNSHIP

The Maple Forest Township Board of Review will hold its organizational meeting on March 7, 2006 at 9 am.

The Board of Review will meet with the public on:

Mon., March 13, 2006 9am - noon

1pm - 4pm

Thurs., March 16, 2006 1pm - 4pm

6pm - 9pm

All meetings will be held at the township hall, located at 8996 N. Sherman Rd.

The purpose of these meetings will be to hear petitioners who wish to appeal their assessments, classifications, and to answer any questions pertaining to the tax roll.

| CLASSIFICATIONS | FACTOR | RATIO  |
|-----------------|--------|--------|
| Real Property   | 50.00  | 1.0000 |
| Agriculture     | 50.00  | 1.0000 |
| Residential     | 50.00  | 1.0000 |
| Commercial      | 50.00  | 1.0000 |
| Industrial      | 50.00  | 1.0000 |

Mark D. Kniss  
Supervisor  
Maple Forest Township

### Notice South Branch Township Board of Review

The South Branch Township Board of Review will meet at the Township Hall, 5245 M-18, Roscommon, on the following dates:

Organizational Meeting: Tuesday, March 7, 2006, at 1:00 P.M.

To Hear Taxpayer Petitions: Monday, March 13, 2006, at 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. and 1:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.; Thursday, March 16, 2006, 2:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. and 6:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. appeal hearings.

By Board resolution, residents are able to protest by letter, or fax, provided protest letter is received prior to March 13, 2006.

Tentative ratios and the estimates multiplier for each class of real property and personal property for 2005 areas follows:

| Class        | Tentative Ratio | Factor  |
|--------------|-----------------|---------|
| Agricultural | 50.00           | 1.00000 |
| Commercial   | 50.00           | 1.00000 |
| Industrial   | 50.00           | 1.00000 |
| Residential  | 50.00           | 1.00000 |

This notice is posted in compliance with PA 267 of 1976 as amended (Open Meetings Act), MCLA41.72a(2)(3) and the American with Disabilities Act (ADA).

The South Branch Township Board will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audiotapes of printed material being considered at the meeting to individuals with disabilities at the meeting or public hearing upon seven (7) days notice to the South Branch Township Board.

Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the South Branch Township Board by writing or calling the following:

Laura Smith, Clerk / Tom Kozlowski, Supervisor  
5245 M-18  
P.O. Box 606  
Roscommon MI 48653  
(989) 275-8232

Laura Smith, Clerk

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# FEATURES

## A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE

### 23 Years Ago

February 17, 1983

Heidi Goss, a GHS senior, won the Miss Grayling pageant, taking over the crown from Donelle Bentley, Miss Grayling 1982.

Grayling volleyballers gave their parents something to cheer about, winning in front of a parent's night crowd and then taking two more from Charlevoix to go 6-0 in the league.

Dave Wiltse, owner of the Wiltse Carpet Service, gathered with area business men and women for the grand opening of Wiltse Carpet Service, located downtown on Michigan Ave.

Sacred Ground, starring Tim McIntire and Jack Elam, is now playing at the Rialto Theatre.

Coming soon to Clair's Standard Station is the all new Ryko Automatic Car Wash. Clair's Standard is located at 208 Cedar Street.

The student council at the middle school, sponsored by teacher Karen McDonald, conducted Spirit Week activities. The candidates for King and Queen were: Cheryl Barber and Todd Laitinen for sixth grade; Jackie Yoder and Jeff Wolcott for seventh grade; and Tammy Welch and David Nelson for eighth grade.

Sunshine and mild temperatures turned the Squirt Day Hanson Hills ski races into as much fun for spectators as racers.

The top racers in the second annual Squirt Day races were Tammy Mires and Jon Noteware, 1st and 2nd grade group; Jeff Pernie, 3rd and 4th; Tim Hickey, 5th and 6th grade; Cari Longsworth and Jayson Welser, 7th and 8th grade; and the senior division was won by Terry Norman, a '82 GHS graduate who led the boys ski team last year with his brother, Jerry. The Grayling High School ski team won the Hanson Hills Squirt Invitational, led by Karyn Reynolds and Dave Martella.

It's the Grand Opening of Wagon Wheel Laundromat and Dry Cleaners, located in the Grayling Mini Mall.

Karyn Reynolds, GHS skier, kept her gold medal streak alive last weekend, winning three more United States Association Central Division races at Thunder Mt.

### 46 Years Ago

February 18, 1960

A search of the building permits over the past 16 years issued by the City of Grayling shows a decided upswing in construction in the city.

A young rabbit hunter, age 19 from Grand Ledge accidentally shot himself in the leg while hunting near Grayling. The young man told investigating officers that the accident occurred when he broke through the ice of a beaver pond and the gun accidentally fired.

Brig. General Wendall C. Phillipi, commanding general of the Indiana National Guard crowns Ann Louise Peabody, as the 1960 Michigan Winter Sports Queen at the Grayling Winter Sports Park. The queen is a 17 year old high school senior from Lake Fenton.

As last year, the Grayling High School Junior class won the snow sculpture contest and a check for \$50. The theme of their sculpture was "Grayling, Ruler of Winter Sports."

In an attempt to give the younger set in this area something to do, the Grayling Bowhunters are having a series of Saturday night "record hops."

The 35th Annual Grayling Winter Sports Carnival will long be remembered for the ideal weather afforded both Saturday and Sunday. The sun was out brightly but crisp temperatures made skiing and tobogganing much more exhilarating.

The Frederic varsity basketball team lost to Bellaire in a conference game at Frederic by a 56-48 score.

Skiing on Friday nights under rainbow lighting at Mount Mancelona for 50 cents, children 18 and under \$1.00 for adults.

Two local Drewrys bowling teams will compete in the State Bowling Tournament in Muskegon. The two teams are sponsored by Harry Kumrei, local beverage distributor. Team members of Drewrys No. 1, are: Bob Dean, Ted Hausmann, Glenn

Sawyer, Dr. Paul Juntila and Phil Payment. Team No. 2, Arnold Mauren, Jack Gunderson, Larry Battie, Bud Smith, and Whitey Madsen.

### 69 Years Ago

February 18, 1937

A flock of crows and one robin were reported seen near the US-27 bridge. Spring must be just around the corner.

Dr. J. F. Cook is moving his dental office into the offices that have been prepared for his use in the Dr. Stealy building, formerly the Bank of Grayling building.

E.J. Olson caught a 35 inch pike in Lake Margrethe.

### 92 Years Ago

February 19, 1913

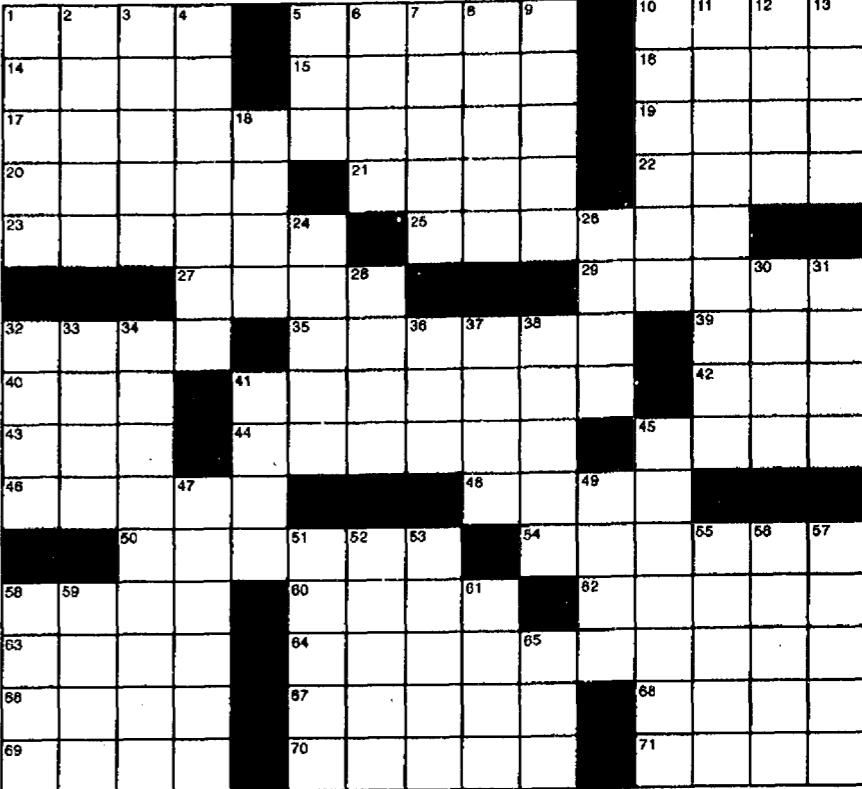
Mrs. J.E. Crowley and Miss Nellie Shanahan expect to leave Monday for Detroit and Toledo to purchase summer millinery goods.

Twin calves were born at the Julius Nelson dairy, although fully developed, they both died the same day.

The masquerade dancing party given by Svend Hanson, Alfred Hanson, Jens Sorenson and Aage Roed at the Opera House was a most enjoyable evening and well attended.

The citizen's band minstrel show was held at the Opera house with a full chorus and band accompaniment. Carl Peterson, the interlocutor, started the laugh-making program.

## CROSSWORD



Across Down

1. Blaine \_\_\_, director of Satan's Paradise.
2. Luis \_\_\_, Grammy winner and master of percussion.
3. Relating to a more advanced time of life.
4. One of the suitors of Anna Page in Shakespeare's Merry Wives of Windsor.
5. Spirit in Siamese folk religion that causes sickness and evil for humans.
6. Turn off lighting or sound.
7. Bearded reddish sheep of Southern Asia.
8. Indigenous people of New Zealand.
9. David \_\_\_, percussionist.
10. Luis \_\_\_, erected one of Argentina's most notable structures.
11. Not having a planned ending.
12. Without.
13. Slang for "LSD."
14. Open to both men and women.
15. To be torn violently.
16. Smallest measure of data.
17. Duration.
18. Scarcely detectable amount.
19. To kill something by force beyond its natural capacity.
20. Drinks in small quantities.
21. Leave unmentioned.
22. Single things.
23. Johann Gottfried von \_\_\_, German philosopher and writer.
24. Subject to legal action.
25. Cul and assemble components.
26. Combining form meaning "narrow."
27. Deserve by one's actions.
28. Single things.
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32. Graft a bird's wing with feathers.
33. Arranged in a series.
34. Combining letter of the Greek alphabet.
35. Hit with a missile from a weapon.
36. Trap in a net.
37. Smith, a Scottish political economist.
38. Section of a book that projects beyond the other sections at the fore edge.
39. American rock band formed by Mark Oliver Everett.
40. Camp defended by a circular formation of wagons.
41. Marked by smartness in dress and manners.
42. Group, especially of politically allied countries.
43. Slang for "excellent."
44. Tortilla chip topped with cheese and chili pepper and broiled.
45. Way of appearing.
46. Belonging to a regiment.
47. Semicircular projection of a building at the east end of a church with a domed or vaulted room.
48. Small, especially a pleasant one.
49. To latte.
50. Akashic.
51. City in Pennsylvania.

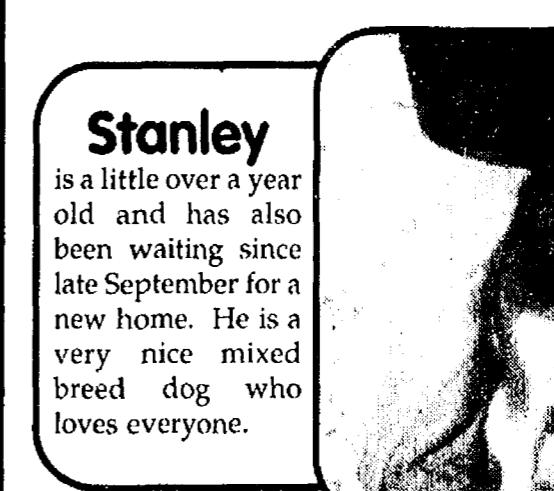
ANSWERS IN THE CLASSIFIEDS

## ADOPT A PET



**Dusty**

is a sweet and calm buff Tabby male, about 2 years old, who gets along with other cats. He has been waiting since September to adopt someone.



**Stanley**

is a little over a year old and has also been waiting since late September for a new home. He is a very nice mixed breed dog who loves everyone.

The Animal Shelter of Crawford County is located at: 508 1/2 Huron Street (M-72 East) in Grayling

Between the Road Commission and the Eagles Hall

Hours: Open 9 to 3 Monday thru Saturday, 9 to 12 on Sundays and Holidays

After hour appointments available. Call (989) 348-4117

For more pets or more information, visit our website [www.ascc.petfinder.com](http://www.ascc.petfinder.com)

| WEATHER                          |                  |                  |                   |                          |                           |
|----------------------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| Courtesy of the City of Grayling |                  |                  |                   |                          |                           |
| Last Week                        |                  |                  |                   |                          |                           |
| Date                             | H                | L                | Snow              |                          |                           |
| 2/8                              | 23               | 14               | 0                 |                          |                           |
| 2/9                              | 21               | 6                | 0                 |                          |                           |
| 2/10                             | 24               | 10               | 0.01              |                          |                           |
| 2/11                             | 30               | 4                | 0.01              |                          |                           |
| 2/12                             | 30               | 3                | 0                 |                          |                           |
| 2/13                             | 26               | 17               | 0.12              |                          |                           |
| 2/14                             | 26               | 10               | 0                 |                          |                           |
| Extended Forecast                |                  |                  |                   |                          |                           |
| (Courtesy of the Weather.com)    |                  |                  |                   |                          |                           |
| Thursday                         | Friday           | Saturday         | Sunday            | Monday                   | Tuesday                   |
| High 28<br>Low 15                | High 18<br>Low 8 | High 14<br>Low 8 | High 21<br>Low 15 | High 25<br>Low 19        | High 32<br>Low 20         |
| Snow                             | Snow Shower      | Snow             | Snow              | Few Snow<br>Snow Showers | Scattered<br>Snow Showers |

## RECIPE OF THE WEEK



### Chocolate Angel Cake

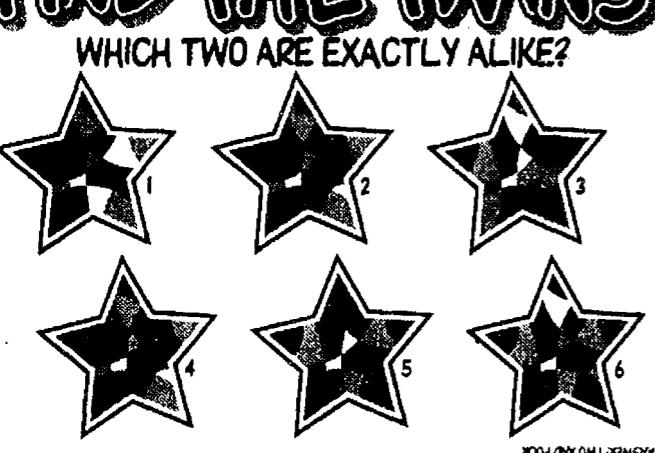
1 package (16 oz.) angel food cake mix  
1/2 cup unsweetened cocoa  
1 1/2 cups plus 2 tablespoons hot fudge topping, divided

Mix dry cake mix with cocoa. Prepare cake mix according to package directions. Bake in a 10-inch tube pan in a preheated 350° oven as directed on package. Let cool as package directs. When cake has cooled completely, carefully remove from pan. Cut horizontally in half. Place bottom half, cut side up, on serving plate. Spread with 3/4 cup fudge topping. (Do not heat fudge topping.) Cover with 1 cup whipped topping, then half of the cherry pie filling. Place top half of cake over cherries, cut side down. Spread with 3/4 cup fudge topping. Cover with remaining 1 cup whipped topping and cherry pie filling. If you have extra pie filling, put it in the center of cake. Refrigerate 1 hour. Just before serving, warm remaining 2 tablespoons fudge topping and drizzle over top of cake.

Makes 12 Servings

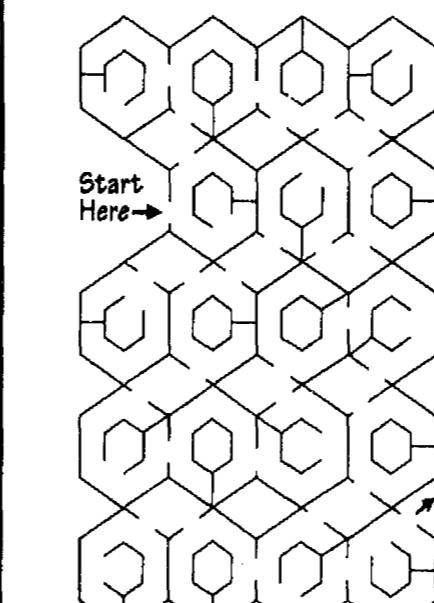


**FIND THE TWINS**  
WHICH TWO ARE EXACTLY ALIKE?

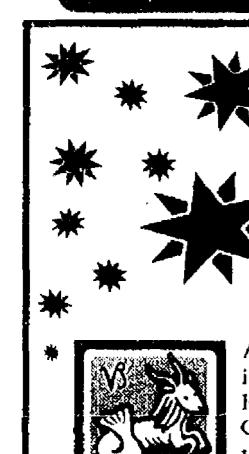


**DID YOU KNOW ??**  
**Birds have the right of way on all Utah highways.**

## MAZE



Start Here →



Appreciation comes in various forms. Remember that, Capricorn, as you wrap up a project at work. Sparks fly and passion burns bright throughout the week.



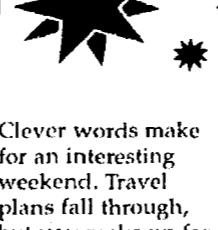
Cupid is knocking on your door, Aries. Can you hear him? A financial windfall presents you with a bevy of opportunity. Make your choices carefully.



Ooh-la-la, Cancer. Scores of surprises highlight the week. A mix-up at home tests your patience, but everything works out and peace reigns once again. A few turns friend.



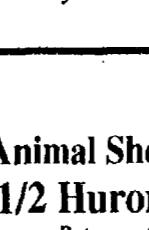
Clever words make for an interesting weekend. Travel plans fall through, but you make up for it with a luxurious treat, Libra. A financial loss is another's gain.



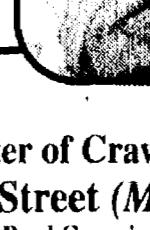
Passion is rekindled, Scorpio, and you're ready. A cloud of harmony descends on your home and magical things begin to happen.



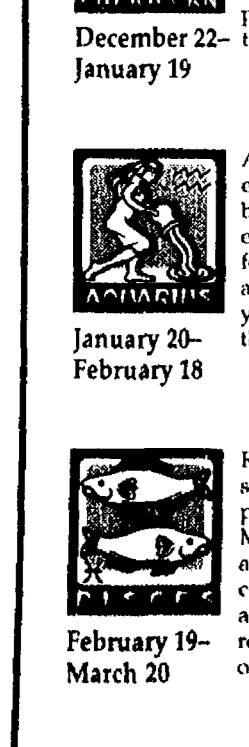
Shades of red surround you, Leo, and inspire you to do great things. A family outing turns out better than expected and you are the reason.



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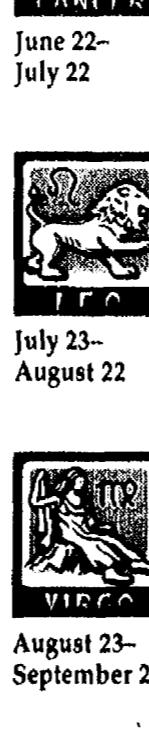
Information comes from various sources. Pay attention, Sagittarius, and put it to good use. An unusual gift puts you on cloud nine and makes everything rosy.



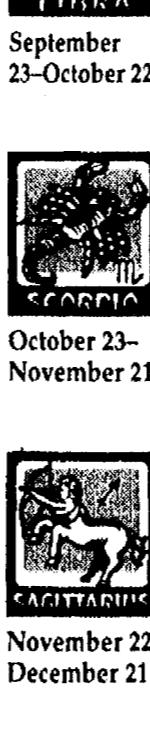
Romantic thoughts set the stage for a pleasant weekend. Mountains of work are assigned to a coworker. Lend them a hand, Pisces. A recreational class opens up.



Wow, Gemini. Dreams of yore become reality this week. A new project at work stir your inner soul and fuels your passions. A buddy's questions are answered.



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### 1. Real Estate

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**CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE**  
WEDNESDAY MARCH 15, 2006 AT 10:00 AM  
ADDRESS: 7671 W. May Lake Road  
Frederic, MI 49733

**MINIMUM BID: \$29,901.00**

**3 BEDROOMS, 1 BATH**

**PROPERTY SIZE: 4.40 ACRES**

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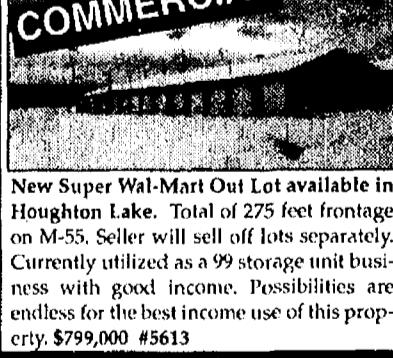
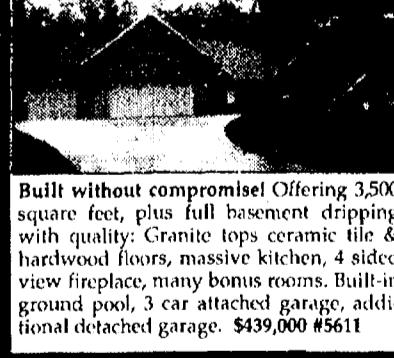
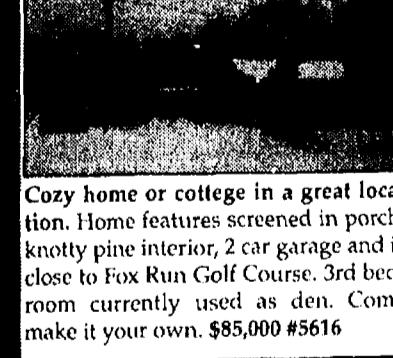
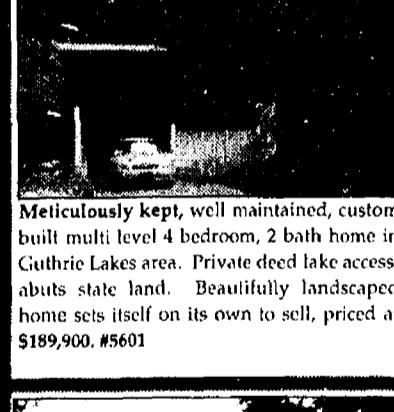
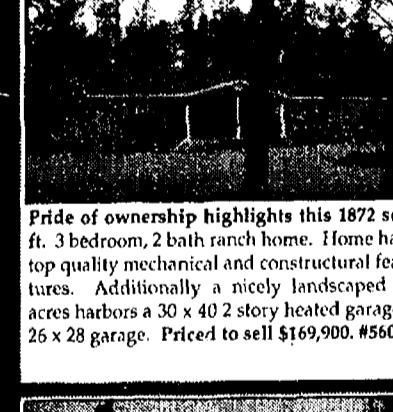
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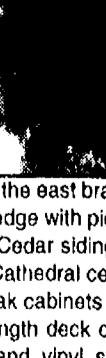
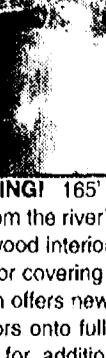
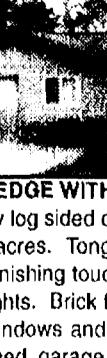
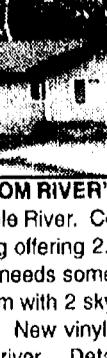
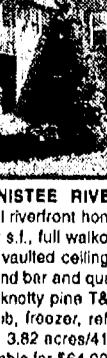
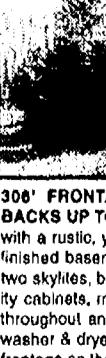
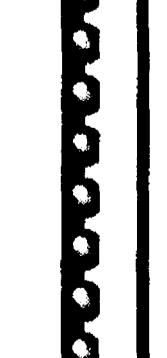
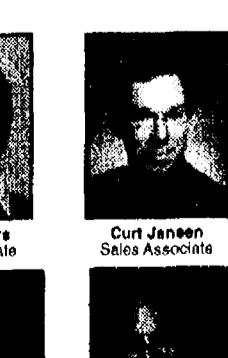
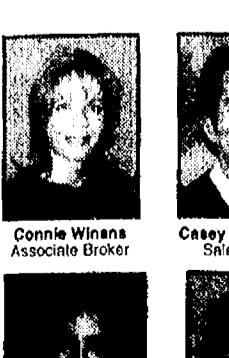
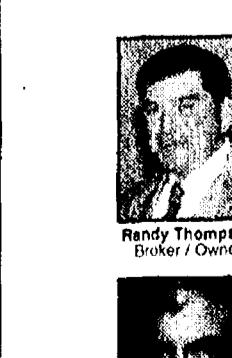


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1.1 ACRES on King Road, close to Guard Camp. Well, pump house, telephone and power line already on property. Asking \$15,000. 616-681-0178 or 616-813-1893. (-9-16/1)

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**1. Real Estate****2 For Rent**

**TWO BEDROOM MOBILE** for rent. \$450 and up. 989-348-5278. References, some pet restrictions. Seniors welcome. (-12/02/04/2/2)

**ROOMY 1 BEDROOM** upper apartment, in good neighborhood. Includes gas, electric, water, stove, refrigerator, washer, dryer and digital cable. Carpeted throughout. No children, no smoking, no pets. \$580 per month plus deposit. References required. Phone: 348-8993. (-16-23/2)

**2 BEDROOM APARTMENT** non-smoking, no pets, \$474/month plus. 348-4840. (LR2/16/06/2)

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CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE  
MARCH 1, 2006 AT 10:00 AM

ADDRESS: 525 Crescent Place  
Grayling, MI 49738  
MINIMUM BID: \$17,100

3 Bedroom, 1 Bath, 13,545 Sq. Property Size  
REDEMPTION 6 MONTHS

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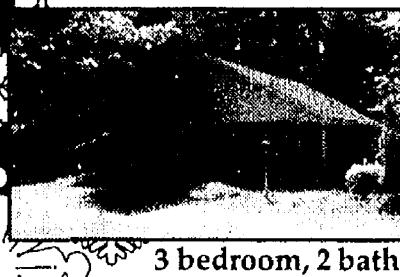
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3 bedroom, 2 bath  
ranch style home in a private spot, great for snowmobiles or a quiet getaway. Nice garage for all the toys. You must check this one out. #240405 \$83,000



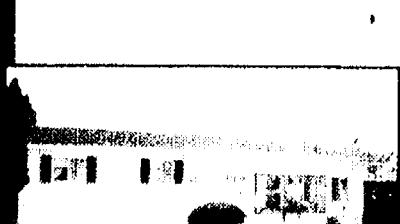
Charming well maintained home in country setting. 1,152 sq. ft., 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, home has been recently remodeled. 30x40 insulated & heated garage. Road maintenance incorporated in tax bill. Close to AuSable River & adjoins thousands of acres of Huron National Forest property. #236061 \$97,500



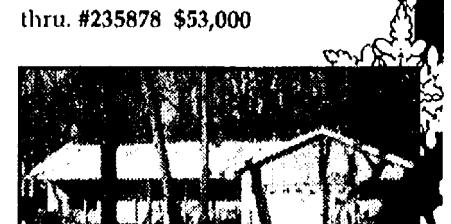
Perfect up north get-away. Sturdy home with lots of potential. Home is being sold 'AS IS.' State land is a mile away and the North Branch of the AuSable is 1/4 mile. #243175 \$56,000



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Brenda Lake, Business Mgr.

Fax 989-348-0047

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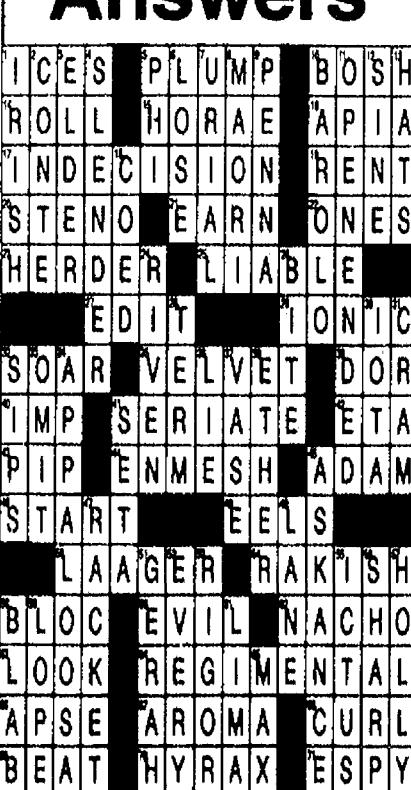
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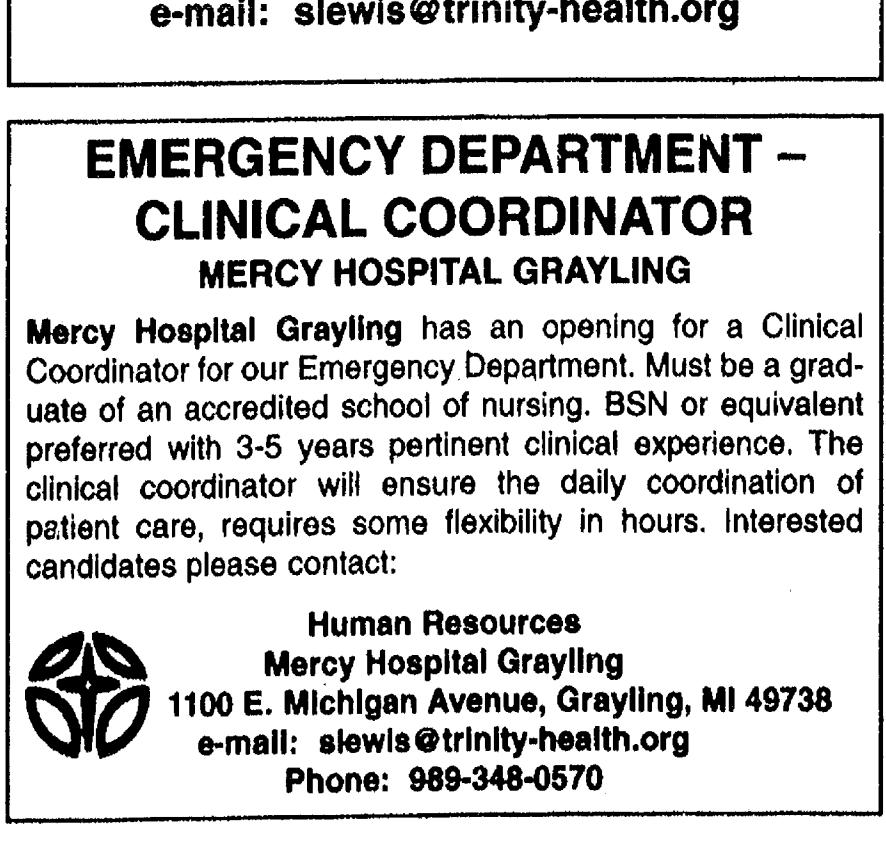
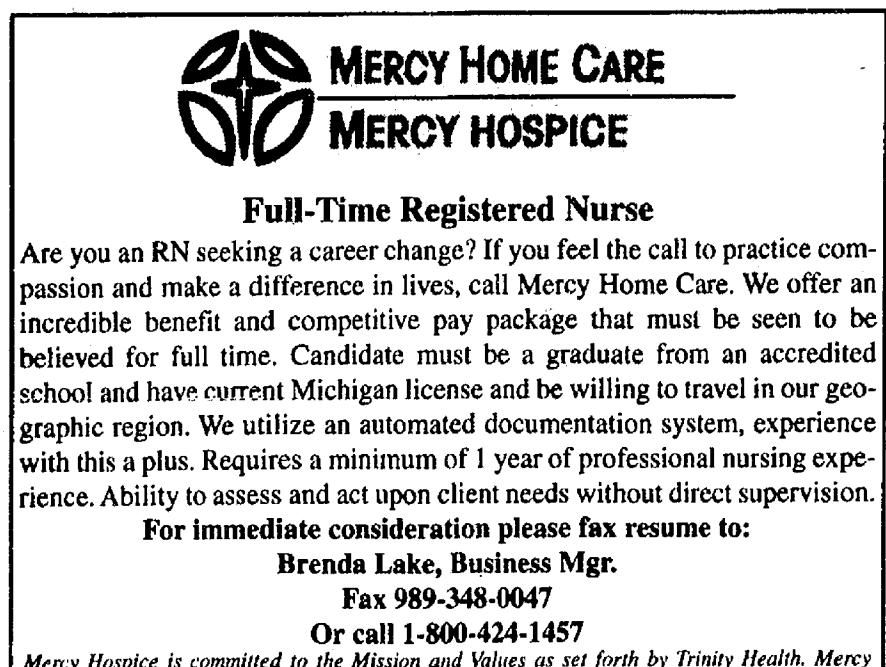
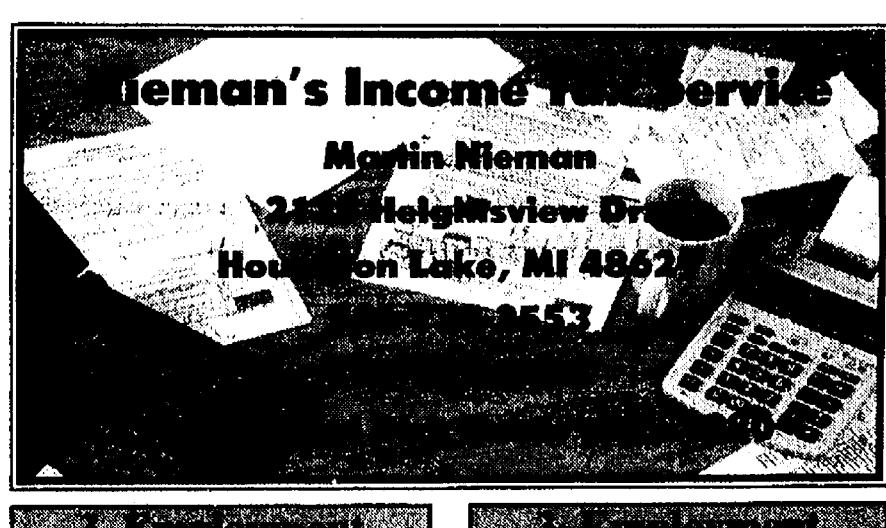
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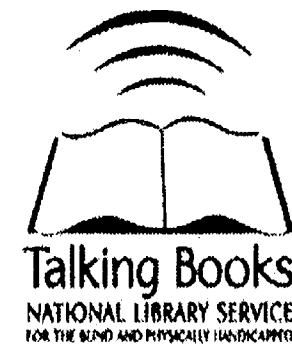
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